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NAVY ANNOUNCES TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHAPLAINS

WASHINGTON — Details of the Navy College Training Program for Chaplains were announced this week by the Navy Department.

This phase of the V-12 Program is designed to insure a continued flow of trained clergymen into the Navy as Chaplains. It permits bona fide candidate for the ministry to be inducted into the Navy and to hold the rating of apprentice seamen, with the uniform and pay of that rating, while proceeding with their studies. Questions concerning enrollment should be sent either to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement or to the Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

The distinctive feature of this program, as compared with the basic V-12 program for other specialized fields, is that it calls for denominational approval of candidates, and places the seminary portion of the training completely in the hands of the various church bodies.

For an applicant to be eligible, his denomination must endorse him, and be prepared, upon satisfactory completion of the college and seminary training, to grant him full ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement for appointment as a Chaplain.

An applicant for pre-theological and theological training must:

Be a United States citizen; morally and physically qualified; show evidence of potential officer qualifications in appearance and scholarship records.

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Meet physical requirements as follows: high school graduates with less than two years of college work must meet basic physical requirements including minimum visual acuity of 18-20 in each eye; college juniors and seniors, college graduates, and seminary students will be required to meet physical standards including minimum visual acuity of 12/20 in each eye.

Be unmarried and agree to remain until he has been enrolled for the theological training in a seminary.

Meet the age requirements as follows: High school graduates with less than two years college work must be over seventeen years of age and under twenty; college juniors and seniors, college graduates and seminary students must be over seventeen years of age and under thirty.

Must receive endorsement from denomination.

High school graduates with less than two years of college work will undergo the next V-12 screening test November, 1943, and if selected, may apply for theological training after being inducted. College juniors and seniors, college graduates and seminary students, however, will apply to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement, and if accepted, and endorsed by their denomination, will enter directly into the chaplaincy training program.

All applicants will submit full in- (Continued on Page Five)

A Wednesday Sunday School



During the past session of the Greenville, Miss., schools, the rural children within a radius of about fifteen miles, all coming in buses to attend the Carrie Stern grade school, had the privilege of attending fine Sunday-Schools on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Fred O'Bannon, principal of the school, with the approval of the city school superintendent and the school board, made it possible for the children to get an hour of school time each Wednesday, and receive credit for their studies at the church schools.

This splendid, unique program was launched at the opening of last school session. All parents of the rural primary grade children were written letters by the Greenville churches, advised of the program and requested to indicate their choice of religious schools for their children. One was to be held at the First Baptist church for all of Baptist preference, and the other at the First Methodist church for all of other denominational preference. No children were required to attend, but before the session was old most elected to go. The Baptist group began with 76 and grew to 154, and the other school grew to 64. All literature, and transportation from the school building to the churches and return, were furnished by the Greenville churches.

Co-advisors and planners in the Baptist school were pastors C. S. Henderson of the First Church and J. R. Eubanks of the Second Church. L. V. Martin led the music while he was present, and his work as assumed by E. L. Adams when he came to the First Church. Other faculty members were: Mrs. Ben C. Penn, secretary, Mesdames Kern Pratt, Jno. D. Davis, James Marsh, J. B. Stinson, R. D. Zeigler, C. S. Henderson, J. R. Eubanks, J. W. Norris, O. M. Rogers, W. C. Ferrell, W. T. K. Warren, C. K. Farmer, M. A. Greer, C. W. Jeter, Robt. Moore, G. W. Averitte, M. G. (Continued on Page Five)

AN EVENING WITH THE CHIANG KAI-SHEKS

A Canadian gentleman, whose name must not appear, was engaged in official business in the Chinese capital, and, during his stay there, had an opportunity of meeting General Chiang Kai-shek and his wife. As it was not possible for him to finish the business he had to do in the city, Madame Chiang Kai-shek invited him to supper in their home that evening. On his arrival, Madame herself received him at the door, and then accompanied him to a simple guest room.

"I have some work to finish before supper," she said, "and if you can amuse yourself with these magazines I will continue what I am doing." As can be imagined, the Canadian began to look around with interest at his surroundings. The lights were turned on. All was silent in the room, when a servant appeared, and, approaching Madame Chiang, said to her in a very low voice: "News has just arrived that within thirty minutes bombarding aeroplanes will pass this way. Within twenty minutes, therefore, the lights will be put out." Madame Chiang looked at her watch and said to the servant: "Give me my electric torch." She then went on writing quite unperturbed, but the Canadian said that he was trembling from head to foot. He was there under the same roof with two other persons, and what would the target of the Japanese be? Lights Out

Probably Madame Chiang was not indifferent to the seriousness of the moment, but from her appearance it could not be perceived that she at- (Continued on Page Five)

FROM PRISON TO PULPIT



JACOB GARTENHAUS

By Jacob Gartenhaus

It was my happy privilege to address recently a large congregation of which the Rev. Eddie Lieberman is pastor.

Some ten years ago I received a let-

ter from Mrs. A. F. Hagan, a dear Christian saint some seventy years of age, of Greenwood, S. C., telling me that in her regular Sunday visits to the county jail she found a young Jew from New York City among the prisoners. He had left his home, deciding to seek his fortune and make for himself a name by playing baseball. Instead, he landed in jail.

Mrs. Hagan asked my advice as to the right method of approach in presenting him the Gospel.

"Thus far," she said, "the young Jew has been irresponsible. Literature, which others gladly accepted, was declined by him."

In my reply I suggested that she be most patient and that a kind word and deed should precede her appeal. Suitable tracts were sent for this young man. He was surprised to see something about Jews written by a Christian Jew.

He remarked, "I have never heard of such an animal!"

This gave her a splendid opportunity to inform him that Christianity had its roots in the Old Testament. Wisely she related some of the stories (Continued on Page Five)

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A Gain of 76 for the Week

Sparks & Splinters

Recent visitors to the Baptist Record include the following: Rev. Lem Sales, Miss. College; Rev. Arlis E. Smith, Miss. College; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cole, Philadelphia; O. L. Byrd, Florence; Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola; J. H. Evans, Jackson; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Pelahatchie; A. Benjamin Kelly, Benton; Tom Brumfield, Benton; Rev. J. R. Breland, Kirbyville, Texas; Mrs. Albert Russell, Jr., Philadelphia; Mrs. W. A. Hewitt, Jackson; Rev. Lewis Curtis, Brookhaven; Rev. C. J. Olander, Mogan City; Rev. S. E. Nix, Lucedale.

W. F. Howard of Waco, Texas, has been selected to succeed Rev. J. W. Marshall as secretary of the Baptist Student Union of Texas, who has been elected to the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board.

Sunday, July 11th, Rev. H. D. Jordan tendered his resignation as pastor of Morton Baptist Church, effective August the first. He did not reveal definitely his future plans.—(G. O. Killam) Reporter.

Durant: Our total gifts for all mission causes for the first three quarters of this associational church year were \$1,442.41, or \$272.34 more than for the entire year of 1941-42. It just seems that when we are generous with others, the Lord lets us prosper at home, because with nearly two months yet to go, we now HAVE ON HAND with which to take up EXTRA Building Bonds, \$725 (besides the required \$1,100). It seems that our \$500 goal got lost in the rush. Instead it is certain to go to \$750 and will most likely pass \$1,000. Building fund gifts so far have come from 107 members, representing a slightly larger number. Now for a lift by the others, and we ourselves will be surprised at the magnitude of the victory. — B. Frank Smith, pastor.

Enon church, Panola county, had an enrollment of 51 in the Vacation Bible School. The average attendance was 45. Department superintendents were Miss Frances Berry, Mrs. Grace White; Mrs. H. E. Tedford, and Mrs. Lucille Hastings.

With only 2 dissenting votes, the Oregon State Convention by resolution severed "any and all connections" with the Federal Council of Churches and declared itself "out of sympathy with the program and doctrinal implications of teachings sponsored by said Council." The Convention recommended that the Federal Council be removed from the denominational budget.—Watchman Examiner.

The United Presbyterian says: "Rev. Henry C. Kramer, missionary for the Aimee Semple McPherson Four Square Gospel church, after a year of hardship endured by his family in the wilds of Africa and a discharge as missionary of that church, has sued her for \$8,315."

Central Baptist Church, Forest County: We have just closed our revival meeting. There were 24 additions—20 for baptism and four by letter. H. L. Davis is the pastor. He was assisted by J. H. Cothen.—Mrs. E. C. Collins.

Since October there have been 73 received in the East McComb church, McComb. Forty of this number for baptism and 33 by letter. W. A. Gill is the pastor and H. P. Porter is co-pastor.

The Baptist Standard of June 24 carried the sad news of the tragic death of Lieut. Clifton Norman, brother of Don Norman, business manager of the Standard who was former circulation manager of the Baptist and Reflector.

Pastor John E. Barnes, Jr. writes that the recent Vacation Bible School at West Point was one of the very best ever held there. Their enrollment was led and the average attendance was 112. Deacon A. H. Ingram, skilled cabinet maker was in charge of the boys' handwork. Under his leadership the boys made bird houses, tables, chairs, policemen's clubs, stilts and bookends. The offerings of the school, which was \$28.15, was given to Blue Mountain.

The Vacation Bible School of Highland Baptist church of Meridian was held with 126 enrolled and an average attendance of 91. The workers in the school were as follows: Dr. B. B. Hilbun, pastor; Miss Dorothy Wallace, principal; Miss Sara MacArthur, secretary; Miss Martha Frances Cleveland, pianist; Superintendents; Mrs. J. N. Sanders, Mrs. F. H. Wiggins; Mrs. R. B. Green, and Mrs. Parker Lamb; and Miss Bonnie Bess Carpenter and Dr. Hilbun, in charge of handwork. An offering was taken during the school for the Baptist Orphanage which amounted to \$20.32.

Society Hill, Jeff-Davis County: Mrs. Kirby Tyrone reports that the revival meeting which has usually begun the first Sunday in August will begin this year the third Sunday in July. The pastor, M. Glenn Smith will preach and M. V. Vaughn, pastor at Mont Pelia, Louisiana will have charge of the Music. They have recently closed a successful Vacation Bible School. The Sunday school rooms have been completed and furnished. The 1943 budget was set at \$1,553 and more than half of that amount was contributed during the first half of the year.

Coffeetown: We held our revival July 4-9. The pastor did the preaching and found the church in a spiritual frame of mind. There were eight additions. We have found the folks most cooperative.

Last Monday the W. M. S. of Pearl-haven church sponsored an organization of the young people. There were four organizations organized with good attendance, Y. W. A., R. A., G. A. and Sunbeams. In the initial meeting of these organizations, the attendance was 46.

University Church, Abilene, Texas: When I came to University Church eight months ago, our debt was approximately seven thousand dollars. We had been paying on that debt until we had reduced it to \$4500, and some of our men thought it would be wise to wipe this debt out on the Fourth of July. We had a big Victory Day and somewhat of a homecoming celebration and a basket dinner on the church lawn. At the close of the Sunday morning service, we took a Victory Debt Offering, and, including the cash given and the pledges made, this debt was completely wiped out. This was a real victory for our church, and will free us to launch an improvement program upon our church property, and will also allow us to greatly increase our gifts to missions. Since I came to the church eight months ago, we have had two hundred additions.—W. O. Vaughn, Jr.

W. A. Gill, pastor of East McComb church, McComb, reports a good revival. L. W. Ferrell, pastor of Griffith Memorial, Jackson, was the visiting preacher. There were 25 additions—21 for baptism and 4 by letter. Many of those making profession of faith came from the Bible school.

Dr. William Potter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of McLain, will be in a meeting with Pastor W. E. Butler, at Bluff Springs, DeKalb, starting Saturday night, July 17, and continuing through Thursday, July 22.

Pastor D. M. Metts writes that Tom Collins of Fort Worth recently lead in a gracious revival at Maben. He also speaks in highest terms of the preaching. There were 37 additions and one dedication of life to Christian service.

R. H. Fitzgerald, pastor of Clear Creek church (Puckett) is to be assisted in the annual revival meeting July 18-23 by Dr. B. B. Hilbun, pastor of the Highland church, Meridian. A religious census is now being taken.

Collinsville church (Lauderdale county) begins a revival July 25 continuing through July 30 with B. L. Mohon, pastor of the Oak Grove church, Meridian, doing the preaching. A religious census has been taken.

Another Mississippi College man gets high recognition: From "News and Views," publication of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, we learn that Dr. E. A. (Gene) Provine, head of the science department at Ouachita, Arkansas, Baptist College, recently received added recognition by being included in the 1943 publication of "Who's Who in the Western Hemisphere." He is also listed in "Who's Who Among American Men of Science" and "Who's Who in American Education." Dr. Provine is a native of Mississippi and received his B. A. degree at Mississippi College in 1923, his M. S. from Louisiana State in 1925 and his Ph.D. from Ohio State in 1926. He is a nephew of Dr. J. W. Provine, former president and teacher of Mississippi College.

E. G. Whitehorn, clerk and treasurer of Hamilton church in Benton County Association, writes that their revival meeting under the leadership of Pastor Wilbanks will begin the third Sunday in August.

O. O. Haley has resigned the pastorate at Franklin, Louisiana, to become educational director and assistant pastor at Oakdale in the same state. During his short pastorate at Franklin there have been 35 added to the membership and much work done toward completion of the new brick building. It has no debt. Most of the labor has been done by the members. Besides his work in the first church, Oakdale, he will preach two times a week in a mission sponsored by the church.

London (By Cable RNS)—A request that Roman Catholic children be educated in Catholic schools, provided and maintained by the state, was made in a resolution adopted by the Union of Catholic Mothers, who met at Westminster Cathedral Hall here to discuss the new education bill being considered by the British government. A copy of the resolution was ordered sent to the president of the board of education.

Blue Mountain College Annuity Bonds pay from 2 1/2% to 7% interest.

Eastabuchie: We have just closed a series of revival services. N. J. Lee of Wiggins did the preaching. There were five additions. The church building has recently been renovated, but the greatest improvement is in the revival of spiritual interest.—J. P. Holcomb, pastor.

"The Heavenly Guest" is an exposition of John's gospel. The author is H. E. Dana, president, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, former professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is a clear simplified interpretation of John's gospel and anyone who reads it should have a better understanding of John's message. Chapter titles are: The Mediatorial Office of Christ; The Revelation to Israel; The Climax of the Opposition; The Revelation of the Twelve; A Revelation of Intercession; The Atoning Work of Christ. It is published by the Broadman Press and the price is \$1.25. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

A good Vacation Bible School was reported by W. A. Gill, pastor of East McComb Church, McComb. There were 134 enrolled and the average attendance for the ten days was 99. The commencement program demonstrated some of the work done.

Celebrating the tenth anniversary of Dr. A. D. Kinnett as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Burlington, North Carolina, the church bulletin recently had many nice things to say about Dr. and Mrs. Kinnett. The church is justly proud of the fact that it ranks fifth in gifts to missions among North Carolina churches.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, for many years one of our Southwide Sunday school secretaries, writes to ask that we change the address of his Baptist Record from Kennedy Memorial Home near Kinston, North Carolina, to Kinston. He also said: "Chicken is 57c per pound, so we eat squash and cabbage. Cooks are 50c an hour; but we do not have one. Negro day laborers are 90c an hour; the other fellow hires him."

Mrs. W. S. Delaney writes to express her appreciation of Rev. Tom L. Pfeiffer, who has resigned as pastor of Sarepta church (Franklin county) after four years to accept another church. As pastor he has meant much to the church and community.

Hattiesburg—Miss Corinne Byrd has resigned from the Hattiesburg high school faculty to teach at Bessie Tift College for Women at Forsythe, Ga., a senior, four-year Baptist school. She has been in Hattiesburg 14 years, teaching French and Spanish for 11 years in high school and French for three years at the former Mississippi Woman's College. (Miss Byrd is a daughter of the late Dr. J. E. Byrd, who was for 33 years state Sunday school secretary.)

Fred B. Bookter of McComb will assist Pastor James Thorn in a meeting with the Enon church, Walthall county, beginning July 25.

Lem Sales asks us to state that he has not resigned at Eddiceton but is enjoying the work there. We regret that in some way his name got in the resigned list in the Changes Among the Church column in the June 10 issue.

Percy Cooper, pastor of South Side church in Jackson, will assist Pastor W. M. Tabb in a revival meeting at Harmony church, Copiah county, July 25 to August 1 and at Little Byhalia August 1 to 14.

Mississippi Baptists

YOUR SECRETARY SAYS:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS" 1 Cor. 13:8b

"THEY . . . WENT EVERYWHERE PREACHING THE WORD." Acts 8:4

I

Do you know the SWEETNESS of FORGIVENESS? No! We do not refer to God's forgiving grace! Do you know what it means to forgive someone who has wronged you? Do you really know what forgiveness means?

How many Christians—small or great—do you know who are characterized by that spirit of forgiveness?

We know some who are accredited with being "smart," "ready for a fight," "partisan," "politically-minded," "prominent," "great," "a hail fellow, well met."

Someone "makes you mad." Someone "hurts your feelings." Someone LIES (call it that it is) about you! Someone tries to "undermine" you!

Do you know what it means to say to the Lord, "Now, Lord, You are my problem solver. I leave him (or her) in your hands. Forgive, Lord, keep ME right!"

The second step is found in Matt. 5, and Matt. 18. Draw apart with that person. Talk it over. Have a word of prayer together. Shake hands. Say, "When I can help you, let me know." Part with, "God bless you."

If that is not RELIGION, we do not know any thing about it. Any thing short of that dishonors Christ. Read the last verses of Matthew 5, "What do ye more than others?"

Jesus says, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:14-15. Nor, does He say for us to wait until the person asks for forgiveness!

This is one of the strongest statements in the Bible on forgiveness. There may be as strong statements in the Bible about liquor, lust, etc. We do not know of any STRONGER statement concerning them.

An unforgiving spirit BARS forgiveness on the part of God.

A lesson in forgiveness is found in Luke 7:41-50.

Read Luke 13:1-5 and Romans 2.

Read Luke 17:1-6.

In I Cor. 13, we see how love acts! God is love! If we would be Godlike, we must know how to forgive!

Read Matthew 27 and see how hate acts!

II

A peril confronts the local church and the denomination today. It is the peril of plenty, of riches. Just as many individuals go down under the load of plenty, so do some churches, and, so does the denomination sometimes fall under riches.

While we have never felt critical of the great blessings of the 75 million campaign, we realize that as a people we somewhat failed God and one another in that hour. Strife, dissension (see Galatians 5), and such like came, and sent the denomination on a toboggan slide from which it is just now recovering.

Have our churches grown enough that they know how to handle riches for Christ's sake? The church at Laodicea said of itself, "I am rich. I have need of nothing." Rev. 3:14-22. Yet, it was a most disgusting church! On the other hand the Smyrna church was rich in real riches. See Rev. 2:8-11.

It is easy for the individual to be selfish! It is easy for the church or the denomination to be selfish!

It is easy for an individual to hoard! It is easy for a church, or, for the denomination to hoard!

The Bible teaches that we are to use, to invest, to develop our talents, resources, and capacities in the service of our God and our fellowman!

Let us ask God to teach us how to handle aright the riches of this day. The Bible teaches us that God will bless us in doing this. It also tells us that what we have will be taken away unless we do God's will in the matter.

Unless we are spiritual, Christ-centered, evangelistic in action, and, missionary-minded, we will soon hear of church and denominational fusses over how to "spend" the Lord's money in hand. Imagine it!

Let us invest it wisely for Christ's sake!

III

Pastor Montie A. Davis writes the joyful news to the effect that there were seven professions of faith in their Vacation Bible school.

Arcola has had 29 additions these past months, and Cary has had 34 additions. Rev. J. W. T. Siler is the splendid pastor of these fine people.

Dr. W. T. Conner recommends very highly for the work of pastoral ministry Rev. John R. Stephens, Rev. Wilson Wood, Rev. Upton Reynolds, and Rev. Charles Myers, all recent graduates of the Southwestern Seminary.

Pastor W. L. Marsh of East End Columbus writes there were three by baptism the Sunday after our meeting closed and that he knew of three others who were coming. It always delights our hearts to see that sort of atmosphere following a series of services. We do not care for high-pressure Evangelism, so far as our own is concerned. We like for it to be the sane, spiritual, scriptural study.

Pastor Rowe Holcomb wrote us there were some five additions the Sunday after our meeting closed there. We recall some months before, that with Pastor W. S. Allen of Pass Christian, Mississippi, there were some five additions the Sunday after our meeting closed there.

Because of the reticence of pastors and other church leaders in making reports, we will probably never know the exact spiritual fruitage from our winter-time Soul Winning Crusade. We stated definitely we intended to make no parade of the matter, but we do like to give spiritual testimony about the work of Christ Jesus. From information at hand and from experiences on the field, we would judge that not less than 350, and probably not over 500 of our churches participated in that Crusade within the defined limit. There were 2,500 or more services, with around 2,000 for baptism, 1,000 by letter, some lost asking prayer, 3,000 dedications, and 2,000 professions—principally in schools—but not asking for baptism. If any of those figures are anywhere near correct, it is enough to cause a song of gratitude in the hearts of those who love the Lord enough to have any part in the salvation of souls.

IV

We are in receipt of the following booklets: "The Keys of the Kingdom," by Dr. Brad Kimbrough may be ordered from the Kingdom Prayer League, 227 Heyburn Building, Louisville, Kentucky. It is a splendid Bible study.

"Walter Doesn't Live Here Any More," by Clarence Walker, is a help to the troubled. It may be ordered from the Ashland Avenue church, Lexington, Kentucky.

"Rebuilding Europe—After Victory," by Hiram Motherwell, is published by Harper and Bros.

"The Causes of War and the Way Out," by Brantley.

V

Dr. H. E. Dana gives us a new expository analysis of that most beautiful Gospel—John—under the title "The Heavenly Guest."

The work is in four chapters: The Mediatorial Office of Christ, The Revelation to Israel, The Revelation to the Twelve and The Atoning Work of Christ.

The price is \$1.25. You may order it from your Book Store.

VI

THE ANSWER TO OUR HOPE

"The recurrence of war should not dash all hope, because there is an answer. Science, however, is not the answer. Science as applied to war merely enables men more skillfully to destroy each other. Commerce cannot supply the answer. Highly educated nations at times have been the most militaristic. Progress and civilization are not the answer, for they do not make men unselfish.

"Human nature, intoxicated by greed, vengeance, and the quest for power, manufactures the incidents which cause wars. These forces of evil can be overcome only by a superior force of spiritual development that brings justice to all peoples. The answer to our hope is a speedy and decisive victory in this war and a long-lasting peace predicated upon sound Christian and Democratic principles.

"Today, we should benefit from our mistakes of the past twenty years. We have allowed ourselves to become soft and compromising, making concessions to wrong when interference with our personal indulgences and pleasures would have been the price to be paid to further the principles of Democracy. Some thought that power and influence were criteria of success; others looked upon wealth as the yardstick. Few, unfortunately, have sought to measure success in terms of Christian service. In the turbulent days that lie ahead, however, success must take on a new meaning. It must be measured in the broad and beneficent terms of unselfish service to mankind.

"Democracy finds its level in the character of its citizens. The home is the first line of defense of our Democracy. The home, in many ways, is imperiled. In far too many homes reverence of God does not exist. Religion and the guidance of God are not sufficiently considered.

"When the house totters, a nation weakens. Every day it is my task to review the histories of scores who obey not the laws of their own choosing. Always the one thing that stands out is a lack of moral responsibility and any feeling of religious conviction. This is not difficult to understand if we merely

read some of the literature of writers who decry religion and argue that distance from God makes for happiness. While we fight for religious freedom, we must also fight the license sought by the atheist and those who ridicule, scoff and belittle others who would seek spiritual strength."—J. Edgar Hoover, director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Arkansas Baptist.

Miss Christine Boyette of Sallis has been named as the new director of the school of nursing, education department, at the Baptist Hospital. A graduate of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and the LSU School of Nursing Education, she is a member of the American Association of University Women, a member of the National League of Nursing Education, the American Nurses' Association and the American Red Cross.

Detroit (RNS)—Prayers for peace, harmony and brotherhood were offered in hundreds of churches here Sunday, June 27, as Detroit Christians of many denominations, Negro and white, reviewed in humility and penitence a tragic week which saw 34

persons killed during the worst race riots in the city's history. With one voice, Detroit's clergymen declared that all decent citizens and good Christians are united in condemning such outrages, and asserted that violence never can solve the difficult, complicated racial problems which produced the outbreak.

Dr. E. F. Haight of B. B. I. will assist Pastor Lemuel Smith in the revival at Ruth beginning July 18.

We recently received some subscriptions to add to the list of Bethel church, Grenada county. This was sent in by John A. Wade, pastor.

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WELCOME EDITOR ROUTH

Seldom does a son succeed a father
in a religious enterprise. Oklahoma
Baptists have not only shown their
appreciation of their former editor, Dr.
E. C. Routh, but their appreciation of
his son's excellent work as Brotherhood
and Enlistment Secretary by
selecting him Editor of the Oklahoma
Baptist Messenger. His father recently
resigned this position to become
Editor of the Foreign Mission magazine,
"The Commission."

The new editor is a graduate of
Oklahoma Baptist University and the
Southern Baptist Seminary. He has
had special training in journalism in
the University of Missouri. He has
served as acting editor since his
father's resignation.

Thus one by one new faces are
coming into the editorial fellowship
of Southern Baptists. Brother Routh
makes the ninth editorial change
since our connection with the Baptist
Record.

We are glad to welcome him into
our fellowship and feel certain that
he will be just as capable in his new
work as he was as Brotherhood and
Enlistment Secretary. His only handicap
will be that following in the footsteps
Dr. E. C. Routh is a big problem
for anybody.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Day by day in every way, the more
we pay on our bonded debt the better
we feel. Not only does it help our
own feelings but we rise in the estimation
of others.

Below we print the comment of
the Clarion-Ledger concerning the
recent bond-calling which reduced
the bonded debt to \$156,500.

Their Bond Payment Record Complimentary to Baptists

Mississippi Baptists and their
leaders have reason to be both proud
and glad of the announcement that
all but \$156,000 of the \$657,000 in six
percent interest-bearing bonds issued
in 1937, principally to endow four

Baptist-supported colleges in the
state, have been paid by the Mississippi
Baptist Convention Board.

The record testifies to the generosity
with which the Baptists are supporting
their church work and to the business
efficiency with which the Board has
managed the funds. Dr. McCall and his
associates are doing a fine job.

They also set a good and timely
example for state and local governing
bodies, to pay off high interest-bearing
bonds as fast as possible and to "call"
them whenever possible so as to replace
them with bonds bearing lower interest
rates. The state is handicapped in this
sound business practice, however, by the
fact that the high interest bonds are not
"callable."

Not long ago we paid the last of
twenty-four notes given in payment for
an automobile. Somehow the car looked
better, ran (seemingly) smoother and
steered more easily than before. It was
the same car but it was ALL MINE.

Let's keep paying all we can on that
measly little \$156,500 until the last
bond is paid and then put on a state-wide
celebration, each church doing its own
celebrating according to the measure of
its bond-paying participation.

And we are not merely a "sayer" of
the above exhortation. Yesterday we
paid the last installment on one Now
Club certificate and three seconds later
we had taken another one.

Let's make the Now Club into the
Did It Club.

NAVY COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHAPLAINS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CHECKED

On another page will be found information
concerning the Navy College Training
Program for Chaplains. The article was
sent to the Baptist Record by the
Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Naval
Personnel.

We do not want to get in the
pessimistic class but it is our duty to
point out some things about this
program that may be dangerous for
Baptists.

Age requirements are from 17 to 30.
Unless already licensed as a minister,
the chances are that anybody within
those age limits will have been inducted
into the armed services.

We understand that the Catholics
start training their priests at an earlier
age. Thus their prospective chaplains
would be safe from induction, while
Baptist boys (most of whom do not
publicly acknowledge their call before
age 17) would probably be drafted.

"A trainee may take his theological
course in an accredited seminary of his
choice provided it is located in the
vicinity of a V-12 unit and said
seminary will furnish the accelerated

course."

There are two provisions in the
above regulation. The trainee 'may
take his theological course in an accredited
seminary of his choice' provided:

1. It is located in the vicinity of a
V-12 unit.

2. And said seminary will furnish
the accelerated course.

To us this seems to indicate that the
trainee can only choose his seminary
if a V-12 unit is nearby. Does this
mean that unless a V-12 unit is located
in Louisville or nearby that no trainee
could select the Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary? If New Orleans
is without a V-12 unit is the Baptist
Bible Institute thus to be ineligible?
Or if Fort Worth has no V-12 unit
would Southwestern be denied to
trainees?

Suppose some Seminary with a V-12
unit nearby should incur the displeasure
of the "powers that be" would it not
be possible for the nearby V-12 unit to
be discontinued or transferred, thus
making the seminary ineligible for
trainees?

We should also note that to be
eligible "said seminary" will 'furnish
the accelerated course.'

We understand that the accelerated
course refers to a twelve months' program.
Most of our seminaries have an eight
months' program. Must our seminaries
be forced to spend more money for this
accelerated program in order to be
eligible to teach prospective chaplains?
It means no added income, for seminary
courses are free. More students do not
mean more tuition income, only more
expense for instruction. More teaching
months bring no extra tuition but
increase the cost for instruction.

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"The college portion of the curriculum
is prescribed by the Navy and includes
subjects in the fields of history,
psychology etc." Nowhere is the Bible
mentioned. Does that mean that
prospective chaplains are to graduate
from college with no emphasis on the
most important book—the Bible?

We are not versed in Naval terms
and our fears may be far-fetched but
we do believe Baptists should give
careful consideration to these things.

The very same fears that arise from
the Navy Chaplain's program also arise
from other sources. Recently Dr. Louis
J. Bristow, Superintendent of the
Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans,
expressed the same fears. Read what
he says as quoted in Dr. F. M. Purser's
article which appears on another page.

Baptists are as patriotic as anybody.
Probably more Baptist boys are in the
armed services than those of any other
denomination in the south. But the
United States is founded on and is
fighting to preserve the four freedoms
one of which is FREEDOM of WORSHIP.

PROTEST AT THE BALLOT BOX

At the last meeting of the Rankin
County Association we heard some wise
words spoken by Dr. R. B. Gunter. He
said that the proper time to protest
about governmental affairs or law
enforcement is at the ballot box, not
after.

In other words, it is useless to vote
for some person that commonsense tells
us will line up with the Godless Gang
and then stand around and complain
because of their lax or lack of law
enforcement.

If we want good officers, let's vote
for good people. Election to office
does not change a saint into a sinner
nor a booze-hound into an ardent dry,
nor a law breaker into a good citizen.

If we want good laws, vote for folks
with good records and high ideals.
Clear water doesn't come from muddy
streams.

If we want certain things done,
vote for folks that will do them. Don't
vote for any old thing and then stand
around and whine because they are
unfaithful to their trust.

SPEAK WITH YOUR BALLOT.

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—Editor.

CONDEMNNS PROPOSALS FOR CURTAILMENT OF RELIGIOUS CONVENTIONS

Proposals for war-time curtailment
of religious conventions were condemned
by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of
the World Christian Endeavor Union and
pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia,
in an address at Harrisburg, Pa., recently,
at the 74th annual convention of the
Young Men's Christian Association of
Pennsylvania.

"Let the church beware and let the
churchmen beware," he declared, "of
those men and women who, in a false
economy, assert that religious conventions
should be abolished for the duration.
If there ever was justification for
religious bodies to function, now is
that time."

This is a needed word for our
times. Whatever else is done, there
must not be any weakening in the
emphasis on vital moral and religious
life. Vital religion is not dependent,
of course, on the holding of conventions,
but we must not forsake "our own
assembling together," for a law of
life is stated thus: "What gets your
attention, gets you."—Biblical
Recorder.

—BR—

Little Rock, Ark. (RNS)—Introduction
of a program for teaching of the Bible
in the city schools of Little Rock is
being considered by the Little Rock
school board. At a meeting of the
Ministerial Alliance of Greater Little
Rock, resolutions calling for addition
of the Bible as a non-secretarian
elective course in the city schools were
presented by the Young Business
Men's Association, Men of the
Churches of Greater Little Rock, and
the Parent-Teachers' Association.

FROM PRISON TO PULPIT

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from the Old Testament which greatly aroused his interest.

Bible Becomes Living Book

The following week I received another letter from this dear woman stating she was thrilled beyond words because of his acceptance of the tracts and his attentiveness to her message. I then advised her to lend him a Bible which he accepted.

He, like other Jews, was fairly well acquainted with the five books of Moses but not with the teachings of the prophets. He began to read the Bible at the beginning, but those parts were rather familiar to him so he skipped the five books of Moses and launched into the reading of the prophets.

Soon he got enough courage to venture into the New Testament, which he thought the Gentiles had added. All of it was a revelation and he was quickly convinced that the New Testament writers were moving in the atmosphere of the Old Testament.

To his amazement he was captivated by the central figure, Jesus. It had never dawned on him that this was the same Jesus whom he had previously despised. He realized that Jesus had been misrepresented to him, not only by his people, but by his Gentile friends.

The Bible became a living Book to him, too wonderful to read to himself, so he gathered together the other prisoners and read aloud to them. Some words in the New Testament were foreign to him, such as "baptize," "Lord's supper," "born again;" he asked the meaning, only to find that the answers were confusing rather than helpful.

He would then wait patiently for Mrs. Hagan who would lovingly explain to him the meaning of the New Testament by the Old Testament Scriptures.

Search Ends With Jesus

The young Jew found something in the personality of Jesus that his heart had been longing and searching for which seemed to be, according to the Scriptures, the Messiah.

With fear and trembling at the step he was about to take, he lay down on his bed and prayed for a definite sign that Jesus was the Messiah. No sign was revealed, and he was disappointed.

A few days later, after reading more of the New Testament he again prayed and asked God to reveal the truth and he would accept Jesus as the Messiah. Again nothing took place, and while he was lying there thinking that he had made a great mistake in having such thoughts, an inner voice said, "Tell somebody what you are doing."

He could not get out of jail to tell anyone and those in jail could not get out to keep from hearing it, so he called the prisoners from their cells and told them of his acceptance of Christ as Saviour. That day there came into his heart the reality of God and the most wonderful peace and joy he had ever experienced.

"I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt," he told me, "that Christ had come into my life and that He was the Jewish Messiah!"

Though still behind prison walls, he felt freer than ever in his life. "For, whom the son of man makes free, he is free indeed."

The prison became a temple, the table became a pulpit, the hard, cold floors became pews and the prisoners

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formation as to academic training, complete details on denominated affiliation, and such other papers as required by the Procurement Officer.

All applications will be forwarded to the Navy Department, and will then be referred to the denomination concerned, which will select from these applicants those acceptable to it as bona fide candidates for the ministry and whom the denomination is willing to recommend. Candidates so selected will be assigned to colleges and universities which are participating in the Navy College Training Program. A trainee may take his theological course in an accredited theological seminary of his choice provided it is located in the vicinity of a V-12 unit and said seminary will furnish the accelerated course.

Provision is made to allow men al-

his congregation (the finest congregation to be found, for none could leave—all had to listen!)

The unusual proceedings not only reached the ears of the judge but the townspeople, many of whom came to the prison to see and hear the works of God.

He asked permission of the Federal judge to be baptized. It was granted and he was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Greenwood with a United States deputy marshal sitting in the church ready to return him to prison. Before his baptism, this young Jew gave his testimony to that large congregation and the worship service resulted in tears of rejoicing, a service that will never be forgotten in that church.

"In Prison And Ye Ministered"

Returning to the prison this young convert continued his ministry to the hardened prisoners. After six months in jail his case came up for trial. The court house was turned into a testimonial meeting and all present witnessed a scene to which the judge referred as "a red letter day in the history of Greenwood." From the president of a trust company to released prisoners, all gave testimony of the validity of the Jewish boy's Christian experience.

It was my privilege all this time to keep in touch with the young man, and soon after his release I made a special trip to see him. Time passed on and I heard excellent reports concerning him and his Christian growth. I returned again, and after praying together and counseling with him, I felt with others that God had laid His hand on the young man for Christian service.

For the next eight years I kept in close contact with him, offering whatever encouragement I could and some financial help. In those eight years he attended Mars Hill College, Baylor University, the University of Tennessee and Baptist Bible Institute.

This young man, in whom God has wrought a wonderful work, is at present pastor of a full-time Baptist church in Hueytown, Alabama. The church has approximately seven hundred members and is marvelously progressing under his spiritual leadership.

Here is another demonstration of the power of the Gospel in the life of a Jew. Let us not be ashamed to proclaim the Gospel "to the Jew first, also to the Greek."—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

AN EVENING WITH THE

CHIANG KAI-SHEKS

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tributed any importance to it. Fifteen minutes went by, which seemed like hours, and the Canadian was on the alert all the time. Madame Chiang lifted her eyes from her writing, looked at her watch, and said: "We have been notified that within a few minutes there will be an aerial bombardment. In another minute the lights will be extinguished. Will you accompany me into the garden?" And thus speaking, she rose from her seat, collected some papers and her torch, and was about to leave when her husband appeared.

At that moment, all the lights went out and the house was left in darkness. By the light of the torch, they left the house and went into the garden. There they stood in a corner of the courtyard while the sound of the aeroplanes that were arriving could be heard distinctly. Another two minutes, and the bombs began to fall, making a terrific noise. At a distance of less than a quarter of a mile, three bombs fell, destroying an entire block of the city of Chungking. The sky was illuminated by the explosions and the fires that followed. After the planes had passed, Madame Chiang said: "Let us now go back to the house. It is all over."

No Word of Personal Danger

During supper, not a word was said about the bombardment. The General and his wife spoke in subdued tones of the war, of the suffering of the Chinese people and their admirable spirit of unity, and of the important reforms they expected would come in order that China might be a great and modern nation. But not a word was said about their personal danger, nor even a single

ready on duty in the Naval Service, including those already in V-12, to apply for transfer to the chaplaincy training course. Application should be made to the Bureau of Naval Personnel through the Commanding Officer.

Inasmuch as pre-theological and theological students will be on active duty as apprentice seamen with the uniform and pay of this rating, applicants now in the Navy with a higher standing will be required to accept the lower status if approved for training.

When students reach the seminary stage of their training, they are now permitted to wear a midshipman or cadet-type uniform with distinguishing insignia, although retaining the apprentice seaman rate.

The college portion of the curriculum is prescribed by the Navy and includes subjects in the fields of history, psychology, economics, political science, sociology, naval organization, languages, and a physical training schedule.

The seminary curriculum will be that prescribed by the seminary concerned. Each student will attend a seminary of his denomination, or of his individual choice, provided the school selected is participating in the Navy program. There will be no military drill in seminary.

Time required for the accelerated course is three calendar years pre-seminary, and two calendar years in theological seminary.

Students who fail to maintain a satisfactory record may be dismissed from the V-12 program and ordered to active duty.

A WEDNESDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Downing.

Jno. D. Davis, Supt. of the First Baptist Sunday School, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was vitally interested in the school and donated a Bible to each of the students.

F. W. Murphy, Supt. of City Schools gave high praise to the work of the two church schools, and Mrs. O'Bannon, School Principal for the rural children, noted marked improvement in the deportment and morale of the children, as a result of the religious program.

Many of the rural children did not know what a Bible was, and had never been to Sunday-School or attended church. Numbers attending the Baptist school were from non-Christian and Catholic homes. It is of greatest significance that these faithful Christian workers in Greenville are giving the Gospel to children who would not otherwise get it, and are sending it through them to their parents.

Plans for the school session of '43 and '44 call for larger schools with the Junior High rural boys and girls enrolled, and there will possibly be two Baptist schools, one at each of the Baptist churches.

E. G. HIGHTOWER,
Enlistment Pastor, District 2

reference to the bombardment of that evening.

The time drew near for the visitor to take his leave and return to the hotel. While he was getting ready to go, the General said to him: "Must you go so soon? We should be delighted if you could stay a little while longer to join with us in our family prayers."

Very few persons have received such an invitation, and the Canadian accepted it immediately and sat down again. The General took the Bible in his hands and began to read a passage. Then all three joined in prayer together, led by the General.

Bible Reading and Prayer

The Canadian says: "For the remainder of my life I do not expect to hear another prayer like that. The General began with a simple expression of gratitude for the courage of the nation under fire. He then prayed for strength and energy for the men in the fields of labour and for those who were in the firing line. He prayed that God would give him strength and, in a special way, wisdom and direction, so that he might not abandon his people. But what impressed me most of all was his request that God would help China not to hate the Japanese people. He prayed for all Japanese Christians, and for the multitudes of Japan who were being impoverished to make the war in China possible. He prayed for the town that had been the victim of the bombardment, and also for those who were dropping the bombs. Then in a simple and humble way he placed himself afresh in God's hands, praying that he might know the Divine Will so as to put it into practice on the morrow."

After the half-hour's Bible-reading and prayer, the Generalissimo and his wife rose from their knees, shook hands with their friend, affectionately bade him good night, and then accompanied him to the door. And the visitor, on his way back to the hotel, said as he went: "At last I have found two Christians."—Canadian Baptist.

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Report of Ridgecrest Y. W. A. (Continued from Last Week)

Dr. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, delivered one of the most inspirational messages of the week Sunday evening. He related numerous incidents which were sufficient proof of the need for more missionaries in every field. The service was climaxed with one hundred and nine girls dedicating their lives to definite Christian work, to prepare themselves to serve in the work of God.

The Singing of China and the Contribution That It Is Making Dr. Liu Liang-Mo—"The Singing Patriot of China"

Dr. Liu presented himself as a product of mission work and the great work he has done in China was made possible through the mission program. His greatest work is teaching hundreds to sing "together"—mass singing among civilians, refugees and soldiers. Through his leadership they no longer sing weak and wailing tunes. The Chinese people served under war lords and were made to believe they were born in the wrong months and must pay for this blunder. But today the Chinese are struggling for their future. The people now sing songs full of spirit. In the past they only had solo singing because they were individualist. Today everywhere you go the Chinese people are singing in groups. Every day and night you will hear the people singing in the streets.

Dr. Liu's mother was fond of singing. She sent him to a Baptist school because she knew the Baptists sang lots. In school he joined the Glee Club, sang in church choir and became a cheer leader. In school he learned two very important things about music and Jesus Christ. In his freshman year in the University of Shanghai he became a Christian and learned that Christ is always the one who stands for love and justice. The war opened people's eyes to what He could do for their country and for the whole world.

It is only when the Chinese people are ready to come together as a group that they will win the war. How can they come together? A friend decided they could solve the problem by song. In 1934 this friend went abroad to study. He could not pay his way to America or Europe so he went to Japan. Shortly after he went to Japan news was received of his death. Dr. Liu decided to carry on this friend's work. He was not a good singer but had a love for music. In 1935 he became a Y. M. C. A. secretary and wanted to start a mass singing group. Missionaries had brought mass singing but it had remained behind the doors of the colleges. Bringing China together by singing was what China needed. They decided to try mass singing. The meeting was advertised and 60 people came. March of Volunteers and Row, Row, Row Your Boat were the songs

taught but instead of Row, Row, Row Your Boat, it was Save, Save, Save China. The people liked this and brought friends and sixty people increased to one thousand. These one thousand people sang in a mass singing concert in the summer of 1936. After the people liked it they tried to get singers from the Music Conservatory but the professors would not allow them to go out and sing for fear they would strain their vocal cords. Whether you have a good voice or not if you can make other people sing you are of great value so that is the way the program was carried out. When war broke out Dr. Liu was sent among the soldiers to teach them to sing. On one occasion he was sent to Mongolia to teach the army there. The people in Mongolia are large people and because Dr. Liu was small they didn't think he could teach them to sing. But he picked out thirty of the tallest soldiers and used them as his microphone and the soldiers learned the song. Then he was sent among the farmers to teach them songs to give them spirit to cultivate more land. Singing also helped China to have a unified singing language. Were it not for the missionary work it would not have been possible to do this. Dr. Liu suggested these things concerning missionaries to China:

1. China needs new missionaries because the situation is new. These missionaries must have a special training.
2. You go to China to share your experience with the people.
3. You must be a good example of missionary work.
4. You must go to these lands expecting to be on an equal with the people.
5. Whenever possible find leaders above the people. Encourage initiative among the people.
6. You should know the country and know the people and special problems and the customs of the people and special situations and group your work around these unusual conditions.
7. A Christian statesman who thinks more about the people than about self.

If you remain at home you can help the foreign workers and make America a Christian nation.

Vespers

One of the most important and inspiring messages of the days we spent at Ridgecrest were the Vesper Services. Each night we met at Lake Dew and listened to the missionaries as they related their experiences in foreign lands. Each service brought to us more vividly the picture of the need of the foreign lands and also the realization of how little we are doing to help out.

When we hear how the Chinese are suffering from war and dying of starvation and other causes and then hear of how few missionaries we have and how inadequate of material

things they have to offer in the way of help, it should start us thinking.

Thinking how many missionaries we could send. Thinking how much good the missionaries could do for their physical as well as spiritual need. Thinking of the money that would go to this cause if we didn't spend so much foolishly. Thinking of what the Lord is thinking and feeling when He sees how reluctant and in different we are about the work that is so very, very important. If people who did not have the privilege of attending and hearing these discussions could have only heard Dr. Liu, Mrs. Wiley, Dr. Rankin and others, who had been there, who had experienced the trials and sufferings of the Chinese, I think that we would wake up and realize what a great opportunity we have in this day to send the message.

Our Bible Hour was a period in which Dr. T. M. Rankin shared with us some "lessons out of prison experiences." His messages were based on these Scriptures, which meant so much to him in those days:

- 2 Cor. 4:8-18.
- Matt. 6:33.
- Matt. 16:24-26.
- 2 Cor. 5:13-20.
- Heb. 13:5, 6.
- Ps. 46.

In the interesting but heart-breaking talks of Dr. Rankin's hardships while he was in prison, we learned that there is much more to be thankful for than we realize.

The food, which was two bowls of rice with a little stew was cooked by the prisoners with a small amount of wood that the Japanese gave them. In that time of hunger and distress, keeping up the morale was one of the greatest problems. Truly unified life was needed. Some of the lessons out of prison experiences that he shared with us are summed up in the following: The thing that matters in life is what we have inside of us, not by what's on the outside. It is the spirit of an individual that counts. What will live after us, our spirit or our clothes?

What you have inside of you depends upon your convictions. The things which you believe and trust in. Anyone who looks at the material things which are seen is doomed.

We should deny ourselves and take up the cross—go up against things that hurt and cost. Think not of the luxuries of this world but the living of the next world.

The test of life is not whether a person can be knocked down, it is whether he can get up after having been knocked down.

In the days following, Dr. Rankin startled us with the statement that he was glad he was there in the camp. He had a chance to leave, he said, but here's the thing—he had a job to do just as the other people down there and he meant to do that job. He had "good news" to give to the people, that was his job.

God is our refuge and strength. Psalms 46:1. Though confusion and uncertainty are all about us God is, though the mountains quiver, bombs bust over us, be not afraid, God is working in our world today—God is—and is here.

Afternoons

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." And Ridgecrest, the ideal place that it is, was by no means all work. There were so many means of recreation that most of the Y. W. A. girls had a difficult time choosing what they wanted to do most. The afternoons were given to various activities.

There was a variety of games to be participated in: among them were table tennis, softball, badminton and shuffleboard. Many of the girls had never played shuffleboard before and they entered into it with much interest and enthusiasm.

Some of the girls from "way out west" were surprised to find that Ridgecrest also has horses. But probably the favorite form of recreation was swimming. Every afternoon large groups would gather at Lake Ridgecrest for a "splashing good time." Those swimmers not quite so expert confined their efforts to smaller Lake Dew. The canoes were also quite prominent on Lake Ridgecrest.

Hiking played a very important role in almost everyone's schedule. The first special hike we had was a hike after evening services over to Lake Ridgecrest to see a full moon rise. The reflection of the moon in the clear still water of the lake was indeed a beautiful sight. One group climbed Rattlesnake Mountain after lunch one day. One of those charming little mountain showers caught them but none was sorry she went. And of course there were many smaller groups who hiked to points of special interest.

One of the highlights of the week was the early morning climb up Mt. Kitazuma. The bugler blasted us out of bed at 4 a. m. and after a cup of coffee on the porch of Rhododendron Hall, we started. We reached the top a little before sunrise. As those girls sat on top of that mountain singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and other hymns, the sun slowly rose over the distant hills. I think they all received a thrill and an inspiration that is unforgettable. It was truly a mountaintop experience.

Many cameras were conspicuous also. Everyone seemed to be trying to capture a little of the beauty of Ridgecrest on film to take back to their respective state.

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Mississippi sent \$11,953.67 to the Executive Committee for the month of June. Of this amount \$6,354.44 was for the Cooperative Program, \$3,812.19 was designated, and \$1,786.29 was for the Hundred Thousand Club. Total Southwide receipts so far this year are: \$2,257,580.94. This is a gain over the same period last year of \$445,029.49.

THE PASTOR-DEACON RELATIONSHIP

By Rev. Colonel D. Bessinger,
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The proper relationship between pastor and deacons is vital to the peace and progress of the Church. Both the pastor and the deacon are ordained officers of the church and servants of the Lord, who should recognize their responsibility and give themselves untiringly and unselfishly to their duties. Given a pastor who is what he ought to be, and a deacon who is what he ought to be, the peace and progress of the church are fully assured.

The proper relationship between pastor and deacon is one of brotherly-love, Christian sympathy and understanding, mutual good-will, and fair and honest dealings. The wise pastor, realizing the value of such a relationship, will in every noble and worthy way seek to promote it, and so will the faithful deacon. As pastor and deacons work together in unity of spirit and purpose, great things can be accomplished for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Three questions, it seems to me, should be answered here. First, what should the pastor expect of the deacon? Second, what should the deacon expect of the pastor? Third, what should the church expect of both the pastor and the deacon?

The pastor should expect the deacon to fill his office according to the Scriptural standard. The deacon should realize that his office is not one of honor only, but also of hard work and grave responsibility. An honest and conscientious Christian layman, who has the opportunity of serving as a deacon, will set himself with earnest purpose to live up to the Scriptural requirements.

Co-operation in the work is another thing the pastor should expect. A true pastor does not expect his deacons to be "yes-men," agreeing always with what he thinks and suggests, but he does expect them to bring their work a true understanding of the needs and the spirit of co-operation in meeting those needs, according to the best judgment of all concerned. It is unthinkable that the pastor, or the deacon, should undertake to assume the role of dictator! For one to try to boss or control the other, is beneath their Christian dignity, as well as entirely out of line with the functions of their office. It should be said that personal prejudice or resentment should in no wise be allowed to enter this relationship or to interfere with the fullest measure of co-operation in the work of Christ. The church belongs to neither the pastor nor the deacon, but to Christ, whose servants they both are!

Surely the pastor should expect the deacon to support the services of the church with his prayers, presence, and means. Who should be any more concerned about the welfare of the church in every way than the deacon? Nobody! He should be just as much concerned about it as the pastor, if not more! I once heard of a prominent and well-to-do deacon who regularly put 50c in his offering envelope on Sunday. His clubs and lodges were much more liberally supported! Who ought to be at Church Sunday morning and evening, and Wednesday evening for prayer service, if not the deacon? What ought to be done with



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the deacon who cuts the prayer service for a bridge game, a dance, a picture show, a ball game, or a fish fry? Some people haven't yet learned that the church is Christ's own institution, left in this world to carry out His divine program, and that nothing else compares to it in importance and worthiness!

What pastor would not have his cup full of joy and running over if all of his deacons were as faithful to the church and its services as the one Dr. George McDaniel told about. As he started to prayer service one bad evening, he was asked if he always felt like going to church. "No, not always," he replied, "but I make it a rule to go always because I ought. Most of the time it is a delight; sometimes, a duty."

The deacon should expect of the pastor very much the same things that are expected of him. As the deacon should fill his office according to the Scriptural standard, so should the pastor. In life, character, and works the pastor must set the right example. As an exercise profitable unto godliness, the pastor should make it a point to read Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus at least once every week.

The deacon should also expect of the pastor a constructive leadership. Every pastor should have a clearly-defined program for building up the church, and it should be patterned after Christ's. The pastor must do many things today, but he must not neglect his preaching, teaching and pastoral ministries. Certainly he must lead the way in every phase of the work. A good deacon complained to me recently that his pastor, although a sincere man and a good preacher, simply was not as interested in the financial program of the church as he ought to be, with the result that the church lagged far behind in its stewardship program if he refuses to tithe himself. Who was it that said, "A liberal pastor helps to make a liberal church"?

One other word ought not to be omitted here. The pastor who spends too much of his time on unessential activities, or who is lazy and indifferent, will not have, and ought not to

OUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A Brief Survey By Frank Moody Purser

On June 15th, the Southern Baptist Hospital Board had its semi-annual meeting. At that time Dr. Louis J. Bristow was re-elected as executive officer and superintendent for the twentieth consecutive year. Dr. Bristow submitted to the Board his mid-year report which shows remarkable progress. In this report Dr. Bristow recommended a long-range post-war program of expansion and development. His recommendations were approved by the Board.

The total cost of the plant of our Southern Baptist Hospital is \$1,816,505.76. Southern Baptists now owe only \$60,000 on this plant and it is confidently expected that the \$60,000 will be paid by the end of the year 1943.

In the year 1942 we built the North Pavilion at a cost of more than \$121,000.00, which gave us sixty-one additional beds, making the total for the hospital 370 beds and 70 bassinets. We paid for this new addition out of current funds. We had an offer of government aid which we respectfully but firmly declined. We also had an offer of a contribution from the government of \$1,500 to our Plasma Department. This offer has been insistently urged upon us but we have repeatedly declined to receive it. In his mid-year report Supt. Bristow calls attention to the whole matter of government aid. From his report we quote: "When it is said to be aid to the country in the War, it is difficult to gainsay it. Nevertheless, such aid should be declined and all such efforts on part of the government should be resisted. We have demonstrated that persons and institutions may render as great service to the government without such aid as with it."

Much needs to be said on this whole matter of government control. There are indications that complete control may be assumed. Look at the present practice of educating doctors, furnishing money, paying the students, and the movement now afoot to organize schools of nursing. We need to watch this insidious practice of government control in all matters. We will be blessed of God when we stand true to our traditional Baptist position in declining to accept tax money as a gift.

We rejoice that the Southern Baptist Hospital has been able to render substantial aid to the members of families of men who are in the armed

have, the respect of his deacons. One of our former greater preachers said: "More preachers fall on account of laziness and lack of consecration than fail for want of ability."

Finally, the church should expect of the pastor and the deacon the faithful discharge of their respective duties in the spirit of Christ. A faithless pastor, or deacon, is a great hindrance to the church. The church should safeguard both offices by electing only the highest type Christian gentlemen to them. The pastor ought to be, whatever else he may not be, a courteous Christian gentleman, and so ought the deacon! It is certain that the spirit between pastor and deacons will be reflected in the membership, and, to a large extent, will determine the spirit and quality of the work done.

—Baptist Courier.

Sunday School and B.T.U. Attendance

	SS	BTU
Calvary church, Jackson	711	145
First Jackson	827	197
Enon (Panola)	71	80
Ackerman	103	21
Louisville	300	45
Crystal Springs	328	120
New Albany	398	111
Olive Branch	64	39

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Bear Creek (Attala)	66	
Enon (Panola)	52	57
Ackerman	94	
Crystal Springs	286	120
Louisville	273	48
Cross Roads (Webster)	62	
Shelton (Forrest)	42	32

forces. We believe that we are doing our full part in supplying plasma, training First-Aid squads, furnishing nurses, and giving up the service of internes. We have been reduced to 50 per cent of the number we formerly had, while the number of patients has increased.

The prevailing Christian religion in New Orleans and surrounding territories is Catholic and the people are familiar with denominational benevolent institutions. Our Southern Baptist Hospital is an outstanding house of healing. In 1942 it admitted more patients than any non-government hospital in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. About one-third of all our patients are Roman Catholics. Last year we admitted nearly 5000 Catholic patients. They and their friends saw Baptist Christianity at work. The missionary opportunities afforded by these contacts cannot be calculated. Our Sunday School Board co-operated in keeping Bibles in all rooms. Hundreds of the patients say they never saw a Bible before.

Southern Baptists ought to be proud of the fact that in New Orleans—one of the really great cities of the United States—we have an institution which stands out conspicuously. A recent international year book published by an association for the promotion of inter-American trade and friendliness, listed this hospital as the most prominent house of healing in the southern portion of the United States. A description of the Hospital listing its departments, was printed in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Among Dr. Bristow's recommendations for a long-time program are the following:

1. Accumulation of a fund of from \$200,000 to \$250,000, a cushion against recession of income following the War's end.

2. Plans for needed and desirable expansion of the plant.

3. A carefully studied plan for the development of a great Baptist Center in New Orleans, which Center will include Preaching, Teaching, and Healing.

We quote these statements from Dr. Bristow's report, "It is better for a man to pay for what he needs than for him to get it for nothing. It is easy to pauperize a man. But to do so is to destroy a man's self respect, which is his most valuable possession. And to destroy a man's self respect is to do him a grievous disservice. Therefore, I would like to be able to give poor people ward service at a cost to them which they can pay, and have them feel they are paying for what they get, and are not on charity."

+ INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board — E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION

Recently we received from China one of the greatest stories of sacrificial giving we have ever heard. Dr. R. E. Beddoe, Wuchow, wrote Dr. Maddry that the Baptist women in their W. M. U. organizations, in the famine-stricken province of Honan had contributed altogether \$20.00 in gold, and asked Dr. Beddoe to transmit that amount to Miss Mallory's office in Birmingham to use for World Missions. If Southern Baptists gave in the same ratio and with the same spirit, many millions of dollars would be given every year for world missions. Such gifts ought to put us to shame, especially at a time when we are down toward the bottom of evangelistic denominations in our per capita gifts to world missions.

We were permitted recently to see a letter which Miss Inabelle Coleman wrote to a friend, just a day before she went into the Japanese internment camp. She wrote: "I want to assure you that we are all right, filled with peace, calmness and a certainty that all will be well for we are God's children (Romans 8:38). Please do not worry about us; we cannot write, but we shall be all right. Take courage. Ten days have passed since the call—tomorrow we go. These days have been full. Though silent, I shall be praying for you until we meet again—when the war is over."

The pastor of a fine country church in North Carolina writes us that he has succeeded in placing nearly fifty copies of the *Biblical Recorder* in the homes of his people, and he plans next to get many of his people to reading THE COMMISSION. A church that reads the state paper and the missionary magazines published by our two great Southwide mission boards will develop a conquering missionary spirit.

Here is a great statement, which has just reached us from London: The Bishop of Exeter wrote, "In the old days the dominant thought of Empire was power over; of late, and very gradually, we have come to realize humbly that the true note of Empire is power for." There is a wealth of truth in this statement which has wide-spread application.

We have a good letter from Dr. H. H. Muirhead, president of our Baptist Theological Seminary in El Paso. He writes that he has just returned from a two weeks' visit to Mexico and that he and Mrs. Muirhead plan to spend several weeks there. He adds, "There is much to encourage and much to discourage, but the encouragements are greater than the discouragements. Our greatest handicap is the lack of workers. No seminary ever faced a greater opportunity than does the Seminary here in El Paso."

One of our esteemed pastors, a member of the Foreign Mission Board, writes that he plans to recommend, when the new budget is made for another year, that THE COMMISSION

be mailed to all the officers of the church of which he is pastor.

We congratulate Louisiana Baptists on their achievement in paying off of their indebtedness. At a victory meeting of the State Executive Board the last obligation was paid. According to *The Baptist Message* of Louisiana when Secretary Knight handed two checks to the banker he said: "Look me straight in the eye, sir, and let me say, You never lost one penny on Louisiana Baptists and I don't believe you ever will."

A little while before Alvin York's mother slipped away into the Better Land she said, "On account of my blindness I can no longer see the flowers, but I can still hear the birds sing." There is a message in that brief testimony for all who experience adversity and tribulation.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the World Alliance, on a recent trip to Richmond, stated that the senior chaplain in England is a Southern Baptist, Colonel James L. Blakeney, whose home is in Little Rock. Passing through Little Rock, Dr. Rushbrooke visited Colonel Blakeney's mother. The senior chaplain in North Africa, Colonel Parker, is likewise a Southern Baptist. Colonel Bennett, in Australia, senior chaplain for that field, is a Baptist.

Four of our missionaries to Africa, Miss Neale Young, Miss Susan Andefson, Miss Eva Sanders and Miss Ethel Harmon, are en route to Nigeria. They were eager to return to their chosen fields. Southern Baptists will

CAPTAIN HARRY WHITE

We, the members of Clear Branch Church wish to express our deep sorrow and keen sense of loss, because of the passing away of our dear friend, Captain Harry White.

To the family we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

Harry was an understanding and sympathetic soldier, both for our country, and for God. We well know the home, our community, our church, our state, and the nation will greatly miss him; but our loss is Heaven's gain. He possessed those cultural qualities which mark a Christian gentleman, of a very high order, claimed by few men, that could often change an uncertain situation into one of joy.

We honor him for what he was, for his appreciated leadership among us, and for his steadfast adherence to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Harry was qualified by native ability, training and experience to exercise a commanding influence with the men in all walks of life, wherever he went as a soldier for our country and God.

We remember God is near, and more eager to help us than we ourselves want help. He can heal the broken hearts of the family and many friends.

Harry has gone where there are no more pains, heartaches, anxious fears, homesickness, Japanese prisons or wars. What a consolation!

remember them daily at the Throne of Grace. Six more missionaries hope to secure transportation to Nigeria within the next few weeks.

The last word from Miss Addie Cox, Weishih, was a radiogram transmitted by the Chinese International Broadcasting Station, Chungking, on June 20: "Please thank friends for famine relief. Many lives saved. Please pray for us. Thankful Dr. Leonard could come."

A North Carolina pastor received an air mail letter from one of his young men in China, dated June 7, in which he stated: "I used to wonder, when I was at home, if missionaries were wanted here and if they served their purpose. Now I no longer need to wonder—I can see it. These people over here not only need Christ, they like to hear about Him, and they need what the missionary has to offer in things other than spiritual..."

One native said to another, "If you had 100 sheep would you give 50 of them for God's work?" "Yes." "If you had 100 cows would you be willing to give 50 of them to the gospel work?" "Oh, yes, I would," was the prompt reply. "But you would not do it if they were 100 horses would you?" "Oh, yes, I would. You would see that I would." But if you had two pigs, would you be willing to give one of them?" The man's countenance fell, and he quickly replied, "No, I wouldn't. You know I have two pigs; why do you ask me that?"—From the United Presbyterian. Courtesy of Christian World Facts.

SKILTON DISCARDS CANE

Appreciates Work of State B. T. U. Secretary

Mississippi Baptists have a right to a worthy pride and a cause for thankfulness in having Auber J. Wilds as the head of their Training Union work.

Brother Wilds is Christ-possessed; he has a burning zeal for the advancement of God's kingdom. He is effective, efficient, and consecrated.

Observing him in the fifteen District Training Union Conventions last month impressed me with the fact that he is interested not only in the Training Union, but in every phase of our denominational program—state missions, home missions, foreign missions, orphanages, hospitals, and Christian education. His policy exemplifies the purpose of the Training Union—training in church membership. People from five years old to eighty-five love and respect him for his own sake and for his work's sake.

Last January my son, who attended Mississippi College two years before joining the armed forces, made a grandpa out of me. However, I "renewed my youth like the eagle" as I associated with the young people in the Training Union Conventions last month, and am now able to get about without a cane.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK E. SKILTON.



Dr. J. W. Watts, dean and professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, La., will be the visiting speaker of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Copiah county, during the revival which begins on July 18-23, 1943. John R. Cobb is pastor.

LEADERSHIP OUR OPPORTUNITY

By Mrs. Zella Magee

When God called Isaiah 758 years B. C. He needed a leader for His people. There has never been a time when the call for leadership or the opportunity for leadership and building of the future was greater than today. A great meeting was being held once when a workman craved permission to speak. He said: "One speaker has said, Educate, Educate; another has said, Agitate, Agitate, but I say: Regenerate! Regenerate!" Yes, let us educate until the lingering shades of gloom are lost in radiant dawn. Let us agitate until every oppression lifts its yoke. But let us put the emphasis on regenerate, for it is regeneration alone that can give us a new manhood and new womanhood and cause the desert to flourish and blossom as the rose.

God has called us to do what we can do with what we have. Moses with his rod; Samson with the jawbone; David with his sling; the poor widow with her two mites; Elisha with the hands that held the plow. Satan calls his servants while they are idle. The Lord calls his while they are busy.

Isaiah 6:8—Also I heard the voice of the Lord say: "Whom shall we send; and who will go for us?" Then said I: "Here am I, send me." Here is his vision and call to service. He saw three things. The Lord, Himself and his duty. It was a definite and real experience in his life. He saw the Lord in the white light of His Holiness and he saw himself in contrast.

We have never really seen ourselves, until like the prophet we see ourselves in contrast with the beauty of Holiness as it shines forth from the Lord. Then, it will wring from the true heart a confession: "Woe is me." Isaiah's confession brought the purging fire and his sin and iniquity were taken away. Then when he heard God the Father ask the Son, "Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah was quick to respond: "Here am I, send me."

Are we answering the Lord's call saying: "Here am I, use me?"

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GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



H. D. HAWKINS

NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH IS NUMBER 633

The history of New Providence church in Leake county, H. D. Hawkins, pastor, is full of courage and sacrificial work on the part of its members during the past few years. In 1941 they undertook a building program, and by liberal offerings and supreme effort, remodeled the building which was in need of repairs, and added three Sunday School rooms, completing the work in February 1942. One month later this building was practically demolished by a hurricane. The church went to work at once, and at great sacrifice began to rebuild. This movement has not been completed as yet.

In spite of this drawback, the church recently voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

From Pastor Hawkins we learn that two of his churches have the EVERY FAMILY plan and all four have accepted their Now Club quota.

Record readers in Leake county are listed as follows: Carthage 68, Dossville 8, Edinburg (Mt. Carmel) 10, Good Hope 21, Lena 79, Midway 31, Mt. Zion 1, Oak Grove 7, Standing Pine 3, Thomastown 29, Tuscola 37, Walnut Grove 81, New Hope 14, Ofahoma 1, Cedar Grove 38, Zion 1, Bethel 1, Mad-den 1, McDonald 14, New Prospect 12, New Providence 20.

SPRINGDALE IS NUMBER 634

Mrs. R. L. Bailey of Springdale church, Attala county, sends in a nice club list which included the name of her pastor, Rev. B. F. Odom.

As transportation difficulties become more acute, The Baptist Record is more and more dependent on its friends and various churches, and those friends are not letting us down. We would be glad to have others follow the example of Mrs. Bailey.

Attala county now has Record readers listed as follows: ANTIOCH 20; ETHEL 48; KOSCIUSKO 211; McAdams 19; MCCOOL 15; NEW SALEM 18; SALLIS 14; BEAR CREEK 34; BEREIA 26; Pleasant Ridge 8; SPRINGDALE 10; BEULAH 29; CARSON RIDGE 35; EBENEZER 20; HURRICANE 12; UNITY 19; BOWLIN 8.



REV. JOHN J. BERRYHILL

EAST TUPELO IS NUMBER 635

John I. Berryhill is pastor at East Tupelo and has been for eleven years. When he became pastor, the membership was 63 and the pastor's salary was largely paid by the Convention Board. The pastor's first suggestion was that the church become self-supporting. It did. They now have over 500 members and full time preaching.

The Sunday school and Training Union and W. M. U. are doing good work.

Since January first there have been more than 52 additions.

The latest forward step is the adoption of the OFFICIAL FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Lee County subscribers are listed as follows: Bissel 23, Plantersville 61, Richmond 5, Shannon 8, Sherman 66, Saltillo 37, Tupelo First 6, Calvary Tupelo 218, Tupelo Second 3, Verona 48, Nettleton 24, Center Hill 14, Gun-town 18, Pleasant Hill 1, Bouyfalor 6, Valley 1, Birmingham 3, Euclatuba 11, Harrisburg 11, East Tupelo 36.

PASTOR SAYS PEOPLE LIKE THE RECORD

"Our people are liking The Record fine. I hear a lot of good things said about it."—R. R. Jones, McComb.

—BR—

APPRECIATION OF E. C. WILLIAMS

Mississippi Baptists are exceedingly fortunate to have Brother E. C. Williams as our State Sunday School Secretary. He does such high quality of work in the local church and does it in such fine Christian spirit that it brings inspiration to workers and strength to every phase of Sunday School work. Both courageously and tactfully he helps pastors and superintendents in the solution of problems that baffle and discourage. He is a Christian gentleman of the highest order and it is a delightful privilege to be associated with him.

Louisville Baptists are greatly indebted to him for the numerous contributions he has made to our Sunday School program. Without his encouragement and a generous portion of his time and efforts, we should not have been so faithful in our efforts to reach the Standard. We rejoice that our School is standard now, as is also the Young People's Department, which department has four standard classes.

The Superintendent of our Sunday School joins the pastor in acknowledging our gratitude to Mr. Williams through the Baptist Record. May the Lord bless him and keep him long years in this service.

W. L. DAY, Pastor,
Louisville Baptist Church.

FINDING GOD ON THE PACIFIC

Out of an ordeal from which few men could ever survive has come an epic story of how men, driven to the extremity of hopeless need, discover that God is their only relief. It is the story published by E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., New York City, and written by Lieutenant James C. Whittaker, of the U. S. Army Air Transport Command in his book "We Thought We Heard the Angels Sing." Out of the rugged discipline of their fate comes this confession. This happy ending seems to have developed out of the fact that a New Jersey church, interested in the soldiers in its vicinity, distributed New Testaments, one of which fell into the hands of Private John Bartek. This rather small but progressive Baptist church had little idea that when it followed the lead of its pastor in this generous service, so important an issue was involved. For that New Testament in the hands of John Bartek, which he had been taught faithfully to read, and in the presence of which he engaged in prayer, proved to be the open portal of heaven for the eight brave men suddenly launched in dangerously limited rubber boats on the desolate ocean. Daily, morning and evening, they read from that little Book and engaged in mutual prayer.

Whittaker relates how miracles happened. Once while they appeared to be dying of thirst and a rain cloud passed several miles beyond them, being carried by an opposite wind, it was brought majestically to the boat and poured its refreshing waters upon their blistered bodies, giving

LOVES RECORD SAYS READER

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

I am enclosing a check for \$1.50 for which please send Baptist Record one year to an old Baptist preacher who isn't able to pay for it.

I am past 80 years old and have read this paper since a young woman. Have loved and enjoyed it all these years. I certainly would miss it very greatly if for any reason I could not have it.

Most sincerely,

MRS. J. M. BROWNLEE,

Columbus, Miss.

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James Thorn of Pricedale will assist Pastor P. M. Gaddis in a revival at the Calvary church, Alto, Louisiana, beginning August 8.

them drink and sparing their lives. Other incidents drove Whittaker to the place of faith where at last God has become the most real fact in his life. This is likewise the testimony of Captain Rickenbacker. To what suffering men must be brought to find their God. He is ever gracious and His mercy is over us day by day. Before these cruel days of killing began, He was just as benevolent and gracious, but men in those days gave Him no heed. So now, in wounds and pain, hunger and thirst, and even death, they must come to learn that which they should never have forgotten, that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—Selected.

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Youth Still Claims the Spotlight

In our District Conventions the program rendered by the young people, three to twenty-four, is still the most interesting. They come in large numbers and voluntarily take part in the four drills offered them. We look forward to these drills each year, and rejoice in the continued and growing interest in the work. These young people are fortifying their life with the strength that comes through a working knowledge of the Bible. Would that every leader would promote this work week by week in their union.

We do not have space to list every one who took part in the drills, we did recognize each one by awarding them a certificate. We are glad here to give the names of those who were declared winners of first place in each case. All who took part were great and near perfect, but these, in the judgment of the judges were just a little better in some way. We congratulate both member and leader.

Winners in the District Contests:

District One

Story Hour:

First place—Ruth Barlow, Davis Memorial church, Jackson.

Junior:

Perfect—Jane McDaniel, Clinton; Ralph Burghard, Clinton; Herbert Street, Hazelhurst; Helen Richards, Calvary church, Jackson; Jane Evans, Calvary church, Jackson.

Intermediate:

First place—Juanita Simmons, First church, Jackson.

Young People:

First place—Louise Parrett, Pine Bluff.

District Two

Story Hour:

First place—Marjorie Nell Mitchell, Jones Bayou.

Junior:

Perfect—Dorothy Brown, Leland.

Intermediate:

First place—Carolyn Grimes, Leland. Second place—Eleanor Ware, Leland.

Young People:

First place—Helen McCool, Leland.

District Three

Story Hour:

First place—Margaret Graves, Friendship No. 2.

Junior:

Perfect—Norma Jean Cole, Paynes; Sybil Morgan, Friendship No. 2; Lillian Smith, Friendship No. 2.

Intermediate:

First place—Jimmie Basher, Charleston.

Young People:

First place—Gloria Harris, Charleston.

District Four

Story Hour:

First place, tie—Edna Catherine Dickins, Batesville; Rebecca File, Liberty Hill.

Junior:

Perfect—Barbara Galloway, Clarksdale; Mary Evelyn England, Clarksdale; Betty Jo Burns, Liberty Hill; Leon Nix, Batesville; Byron Epps, Pilgrim's Rest; Joy Rutherford, Pilgrim's Rest.

Intermediate:

First place, tie—Mary Ethel Griffin, Clarksdale; Joyce Austin, Pilgrim's Rest. Second place—Bobby Lou Burns, Liberty Hill.

Young People:

First place—Gloria Prather, Clarksdale.

District Five

Story Hour:

First place—Billy Pierce, New Albany.

Junior:

Perfect—Ruth Russell, New Albany; Betty Jean Mays, New Albany; Jessie Lee Jackson, Pontotoc.

Intermediate:

First place—Elizabeth Smith, New Albany. Second place—Bess Ann Smith, New Albany.

Young People:

First place—Martha Frances Medlin, New Albany.

District Six

Story Hour:

First place—Jerry Duncan, Tate Street church, Corinth.

Perfect—Wanda Lee Duncan, Tate Street church, Corinth.

Young People:

First place—Eudora McKewen, Tate Street church, Corinth.

District Seven

Story Hour:

First place, tie—Johnnie Brown, Houka; Peggy Jo Lackey, Calhoun City.

Junior:

Perfect—Margaret Collums, Houka; Nellie Gullick, Bruce.

Intermediate:

First place—Ruby Andrews, Houka. Second place—Voncille Haire, Bruce.

District Eight

Story Hour:

First place—Zoe Ann Wilborn.

Junior:

Perfect—Billy Dave Rucker, Linwood; B. V. Walton, Jr., Linwood.

Intermediate:

First place, Mildred Holder, Linwood. Second place, Rebecca Barnett, Spring Creek.

Young People:

First place—Clara Holder, Linwood.

District Nine

Story Hour:

First place—Lois Marie Martin, Oil City.

Junior:

Perfect—Bobbie Catherine Renfro, Lena; Thomas Edgar Stricklin, Eden; Vernon Rowe Netherland, Eden; Beauchamp Burch, Kosciusko.

Intermediate:

First place—Hildreth Price, Lena. Second place—Lavon Rasco, Lena.

District Ten

Junior:

Perfect—Betty Carolyn McDonnell, Summerland.

Intermediate:

First place—Alvin Moore, Mizpah.

Young People:

First place—Norris Moore, Mizpah.

Winners in districts 11 to 15 will appear in next week's issue.

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THE LAND OF GRAVES

By T. W. Ayers
Retired Missionary

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It has been truly said that you can travel any road in any part of China and never get away from either the living or the dead. The roads are lined with people coming and going, and in the fields on the roadside you will see mounds, mounds, mounds—graves.



DR. T. W. AYERS

their own little tracts of land, and the graves are so numerous that they make China one vast cemetery.

As you look from side to side of the road you are traveling you will see smoke going up from some of the many graves. What does this mean? It means that the Chinese are giving evidence of their belief in the immortality of the soul, and that they know their departed loved ones are not saved. There has come to them through the ages a mistaken belief that they can send up from the grave through fire and smoke things to alleviate the sufferings of the spirits of their loved ones. So they take to the grave, paper, representing money, in large baskets, paper houses, paper mules and carts, servants made of paper, and other things they think their loved ones would like to have; these, they burn, sending them up, as they believe, to a place somewhere, they know not where, to the spirits of their loved ones. You can see them doing this any day, and as you see them doing what they believe is a filial obligation, you heart cannot fail to go out in pity to them.

Land Without Forests

As one travels along through China, he misses the beautiful woodlands to be seen in other lands. On account of the small acreage of land it has been necessary not to leave a tree standing on any foot of ground that can be cultivated. So trees are rarely seen except on the mountains and in the villages.

The lack of trees has created one of the greatest problems the Chinese have—the problem of fuel. They meet this problem by allowing nothing to go to waste which can be used to cook a meal or heat a pot of water. Every leaf that falls from a tree, every sprig of grass that dies in the winter, is saved for fuel. They cannot afford to cut their wheat, but pull it up in order to save the roots for fuel. On the mountains they keep growing pine trees, and they depend largely on dry pine tops and pine burs for fuel, and nothing is better for starting a fire than dry pine tops and pine burs. The Chinese bring these to the markets on the backs of donkeys and every month that I was in China I bought these tops and burs by the pound to be used for starting fires.

In traveling you can know when you are approaching a village by seeing a cluster of trees. The mulberry tree is to be found in every village.

The leaves of these trees furnish food for the silkworm. When he eats these he turns out the fine grade of Chinese silk. But take the same little worm and put him in Shantung province where he lives on oak trees, he turns out ponjee. The reason why the best grade of ponjee is called shantung ponjee, is because it comes from the province of Shantung.

The Chinese must have fuel for boiling their drinking water, for they drink no cold or unboiled water. During my twenty-five years in China I did not drink a drop of unboiled water. We did cool it, though, by putting it in the well in sealed vessels. The Chinese thought this ridiculous, as they thought the hot water much better than the cold.

Then they must have fuel to heat the water for their tea, as tea is their national drink. They claim that when you are hot, nothing will cool you so quickly as a hot cup of tea.

Then they must have hot water for washing their hands and faces. When a man in China gets so poor that he cannot buy a pan of hot water to wash his face, he has reached the bottom financially.

The lack of fuel and the need for hot water has created a market for hot water, and along the streets in cities and villages can be found hot water stands, where for a few coppers cash can be bought a tea pot or a pan of hot water.

More about fuel and hot water next week.

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BAPTIST POST-WAR COMMISSION ISSUES PEACE 'IMPERATIVES'

New York (RNS)—Cooperation of Baptists with other Christians in seeking a peace based on justice and goodwill, and in advocating the shipment of food to Europe is urged in a statement of six "imperatives" prepared by the newly-formed Northern Baptist post-war planning commission. The statement was released here by the executive committee of the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The statement also urges Baptists to stand "firmly and openly" against prejudice and hatred, to seek equal opportunities for minority groups, and stresses the influence of the home in combatting juvenile delinquency.

Advocating Baptist support for a "Christian program of post-war relief and reconstruction," the statement suggests a "planned course of self-discipline" in order to set aside additional income for church activity.

The post-war planning program also includes recommendations for returning missionaries to mission fields as soon as possible, immediate training of new missionaries, rehabilitation of normal church life in Europe and Asia, with the re-establishment of schools and seminaries, and financial assistance to native religious agencies.

It urges support of Baptist and world relief organizations, expansion of hospital service, repatriation and rehabilitation of war refugees.

Other recommendations are: mission work in Latin America should be expanded; churches should be established in new communities, and a program for Christian education and for the Christian ministry promoted; and the church should engage in a "definite program of Christian evangelism at home and abroad."

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

What Others Say

We still continue to get many fine and forable comments regarding the 1943 Vacation Bible schools. This is one phase of the work that is certainly sweeping the country with hundreds and even thousands of churches every year promoting these schools over the South.

Below we give some comments recently received about Mississippi schools of this year:

"The spirit of the school was wonderful and the children did excellent work. We had seven conversions in our school. There isn't anything more elevating and inspirational to children than a Vacation Bible school. It would be fine if all churches would put on these schools every year."—W. C. Stewart, Houston.

"We think we had the best Vacation Bible school we have ever had. One joined the church and there will be others. Commencement last night."—O. P. Estes, First Baptist Church, Picayune.

"We had the best school this year of any in my ministry, with three professions of faith, a great faculty and a splendid enrollment and attendance."—H. W. Roberson, Lexington.

"We believe that our school was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in this association. The greatest result so far has been the profession of faith in Christ on the part of several pupils who are eager to join the churches of their choice at the first opportunity. The faculty has agreed to keep working after the school has closed until every unsaved pupil who came to the school is converted."—Miss Lois Page, Magnolia.

"In many ways this was one of the finest schols in our history. Our attendance was excellent."—Miss Mattie Mae Burkett, First Baptist Church, McComb.

"The average attendance was higher than before and the mission offering larger than last year. One of the best schols we have had."—Mrs. Arthur Moody, First Baptist Church, Laurel.

"Our school was very satisfactory; in fact, one of the best we have had. Several told us that they wished it would go on for a month. We were very much surprised that so many Junior boys expressed such a wish, especially since we did not have handwork. Don't let anyone tell you that you cannot have a successful school without handwork."—Mrs. L. R. Williams, Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson.

"Wonderfully fine spirit prevailed throughout our Vacation school with 167 enrolled. The contribution made to the moral and spiritual lives of our boys and girls is inestimable in value."—W. L. Day, Louisville.

Standards

The Fifteenth Avenue school, Meridian, Rev. W. L. Compere, pastor, Louie Ellison, superintendent, has for the first time in the history of the church reached standard recognition. This is a great victory and we rejoice with these fine leaders on the good work.

To Mrs. Elmer Dees, Philadelphia,

goes the honor of being the superintendent of the only standard Extension department in the state at this writing. Ten of her seventeen groups are standard, and the entire department. Congratulations are certainly in order here, Mrs. Dees.

Other recent standard units are: Kinozellian Adult class, Hazlehurst, Miss Annette Corken, teacher; Fidelis Adult class, Hollandale, Mrs. J. F. Scull, Sr., teacher; Dorcas Adult class, Holly Springs, Mrs. E. L. Byrd, teacher; L. L. L. Young People's class, Louisville, Mrs. R. L. Allen, teacher; Reflectors' Intermediate class, Utica, Mrs. J. E. Caston, teacher; Conquerors Intermediate class, Utica, R. R. Scott, teacher; Daughters of Ruth Intermediate class, New Albany, Mrs. James Stroud, teacher.

To one and all of the leaders of all these standard units we are most grateful for the progress and forward looking leadership that you have provided in the reaching of these worthy goals.

Southwide Reports

From the latest reports that have come to us from Nashville, we glean the following encouraging information:

Only Texas, Georgia and Kentucky have more Standard Sunday schools than Mississippi.

Only Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma have more Standard Young People's classes than Mississippi.

Only Texas and Missouri have more Standard Adult classes than Mississippi.

Only Texas, Georgia and Alabama have more Standard Intermediate departments than Mississippi.

Only Texas has more Standard Intermediate classes than Mississippi.

Mississippi is tied with Georgia for the largest number of Standard Young People's departments.

Mississippi is one of only five states that have a Standard Adult department.

Mississippi is one of five states that have a Standard Extension department.

Mississippi, Georgia and Arkansas are the only states that have an Advanced Standard Sunday school.

And speaking of records, we are happy to discover that Mississippi had the best training award record during June of this year than for any June since the new course was started in 1934.

For all these excellent records we are indebted to the splendid leadership of pastors, superintendents, officers and teachers over the state. Many of them have pushed forward in a most vigorous manner and the result has been that our state is well among the leaders in many fine achievements. To all of them we express our most sincere thanks.

—BR—

Miss Sybil Deweese, Philadelphia, has accepted full time work with the Carthage Baptist Church. The Daily Vacation Bible school, under the leadership of Miss Deweese, had an enrollment of 70. An enlargement of the education work in the church is planned.—H. W. Shirley is pastor.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

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We have tried to keep our promises made to you regarding calling bonds as well as in other matters.

We have put your money—the Lord's money—to those purposes for which it was given.

Now, we tell you there is the POSSIBILITY of calling ALL REMAINING bonds on November 1, 1943—payment to be made December 1st.

However, we MUST KNOW what we can do a few days BEFORE November 1st.

If Mississippi Baptists are GENEROUS during August, September, and October, we tell you all bonds MAY be called and WILL be called!

We must continue to increase our contributions through the NOW CLUB, as well as through the CO-OPERATIVE program to do this thing.

We must pay off the \$25,000 note made in the last call. We must build up our reserve for calling \$156,500 bonds.

IT CAN BE DONE!

You will help give the answer!

"There's a great day coming."

May we live to see it!

II

Here comes a fine message from Dr. O. P. Estes, Picayune, as they send in a check for \$624.78. "Death Brother Secretary: I continue to marvel at and rejoice with my people. I thought we reached out peak for the Cooperative Program in May with five Sundays, but we have gone ahead of that, and with only four Sundays. WHAT A DAY WHEN WE GET OUT OF DEBT! Blessings on you and the work."

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We are happy to learn that Enon Baptist Church, Panola Association, is "over-the-top" in Now Club.

—BR—

MUST WE GIVE UP GOD?

By M. E. Dodd

Albert Einstein, refugee from Germany, now enjoying the hospitality of this country, said to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America: "We must give up the doctrine of a personal god; that is, give up that source of fear and hope which in the past placed such vast power in the hands of the priests."

It is passing strange that Einstein, or anyone else who pretends to be able to think, would undertake to tear down faith in a personal God in the only country in which he could find shelter and freedom when driven from the country in which that very teaching had produced pagans and persecution. Does he not know that if he succeeds in this country in destroying faith in a personal God, his Jewish people—God's chosen people—will be persecuted here as in every other country where that faith is destroyed?—Exchange.

—BR—

Dr. R. A. Tullos, who has been pastor at Carpenter church, Copiah county, has accepted the pastorate at Calvary church, Greenwood. He succeeds Dr. O. A. Eure, who has received a commission as a chaplain.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING DEACONS

Dr. F. M. McConnell

(Editor, Baptist Standard, Texas)

1. Is it right and in obedience to the Lord's commandment for a deacon to do work on Sunday, like carpentry and other work that is not an emergency; but to save money, because he works for someone else?

No. It is no more right for a deacon to violate God's commandment than it is for any other individual to violate it. A deacon should so live as to impress all who know him that he loves God and God's laws. See I Timothy 3:8-13.

2. Is it right for a deacon to be absent from the church on Sundays and from prayer meeting Wednesday night?

No. If it is at all possible for a deacon to be present when his pastor preaches, or at the prayer meeting, he should be there and set a good example for the other members of the church.

3. Should a deacon be a man who does not use his influence against the liquor traffic?

Any man occupying the office of deacon who uses his influence for the liquor traffic and votes for saloons ought to be deposed from the deacon's office at once. Every man who makes sentiment for the liquor business is responsible for the harm that liquor does.

4. When an ordained deacon has been overtaken by a grave sin and excluded from the church, comes back later and asks forgiveness of the church and everybody else, and the church forgives and restores him to fellowship, does that put him back in the deacon's office?

No, it does not. Fellowship in the church is a different thing entirely from an official position. Restoration of fellowship does not restore the official standing of the one restored to fellowship. It requires a separate action of the church to restore the official position. When a deacon joins a church by letter, and is received into the fellowship of the church upon a letter stating that he was a deacon in the church granting the letter, it does not make him a deacon in the church he joins.—Alabama Baptist.

—BR—

Bay St. Louis: Our meeting at Bay St. Louis has come and gone. Brother McCall was with us and gave us the very messages we needed most. His enthusiasm, his hopefulness, his abounding faith in God and the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, impressed all who heard him. The interest grew from service to service. In fact, the meeting closed when we were just getting ready for a real meeting. We are expecting continued results from the meeting and we will not be disappointed. We learned long ago not to measure the good done in a meeting by immediate results. I am sure we are often too anxious about visible results. God always takes care of results. Brother McCall's visit to Bay St. Louis greatly encouraged the church membership and made a fine impression for Baptists on many Bay St. Louis people. We are grateful to God for Brother McCall and the great work he is doing in leading Mississippi Baptists out of the wilderness of debt and on to greater things for our Christ.—W. S. Allen, pastor.

WHY I CHOSE A BAPTIST SCHOOL

JOHN LEWIS, Student
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DeLand, Florida

A study of God's dealings with mankind will reveal that He is always opposed to darkness and ignorance. We are taught "to walk in the light." We can conclude then that God would not have us ignorant, living in darkness, but rather that He endeavors to make us "the light of the world." Of all people, Christians are under direct obligation to God to support the program of education. Where Christians have neglected this duty, Christianity itself has suffered; the church has lost much of its influence, and the influence of Christ has been weakened in the affairs of men. Higher education can make its greatest contribution when it is conditioned by and founded upon the Christian philosophy of life.

The Vice of Education

Many things, in themselves, are neither good nor bad. The use to which a thing is put, where it is placed in the scale of values, often determines whether it is morally right or wrong—education is no exception.

Far and wide, psychologists and doctors are pointing out to us that often the trouble with many of their patients is the vice of too much education and culture. Where does education rank in America's standard of values? A college education for every child in America, is a widely sought after goal. Americans have come to worship formal education.

Experiments made by psychologists prove that formal education above the grade schools does little or nothing to improve personality or character. Character is not made by developing only one side of human personality. Dr. Henry C. Link in his book "The Return to Religion" make this startling statement, the truth of which we must shamefully admit:

"There is no body of evidence in the whole field of psychology that proves any definite growth of character or personality as a result of higher education in its generally accepted forms . . . Indeed, there is some good evidence that the contrary often occurs, and that the prolongation of formal education results in a deterioration of personality."

What are some of the vices of our present educational system which limit its contribution to character and personality development? For one thing, more emphasis has been placed upon facts than upon attitudes. As a result, instead of being a means to happiness and creative living, education has come to be an end in itself; a value purely sophisticated, and dangerously false from the viewpoint of the Christian philosophy of life. Again, a false emphasis on liberalism, which although it has set a man's mind free from superstitions and restraints, has not substituted an adequate set of values and ideals. As a result, liberalism has shown itself to lack conviction on matters of basic right and wrong; it has succeeded in destroying a standard of moral values which had authority in the lives of people.

The Virtue of Education

Dr. Erickson, former president of Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey, at one time made a most significant observation. He said:

"Perhaps the fundamental fault of our educational work is that, while we have supplied a mass of detailed infor-

mation about the world in which we live, we have failed to supply the incentive to use this knowledge in a creative way for the individual and for society."

Does this mean we must give up in despair, and do away with higher education? On the contrary, the evils of our present educational system point out to us more clearly than ever the need for education to be conditioned by and founded upon the Christian philosophy of life. The Christian life teaches us that attitudes, not facts and figures, build character and personality. It teaches that an open mind demands recognition of the Eternal; that man is not free under liberalism, but free only in Truth. Christ teaches men that a greater responsibility comes with the discovery of greater knowledge. It is Christ alone who can give us the incentive to use truth for the development of the human soul, and for the good of mankind.

What Is Christian Education?

What do we mean when we say higher education must be conditioned by and founded upon the Christian philosophy of life? Christianity has as its goal the full development of an integrated personality achieved by the power of the living God, active from within.

Education conditioned by the Christian philosophy of life means that, as man is led out of ignorance, he is led into the knowledge of God; it demands that all knowledge be related to the truths of God. Out of superstition, Christian education leads man into a scientific attitude toward life, an attitude having profound reverence for all truth as coming from God, an attitude that deals intelligently with the realities of life. It leads man out of his blind prejudice into the convictions of God's truths and not his own philosophies; out of greed and hate into an unselfish attitude toward life, ordering the human soul after the motives of love, mercy, kindness and righteousness. Christian education leads man out of darkness into the everlasting light of God's truth. Christian education looks upon life in terms of what it can become through the power of Christ active within the soul of an individual. Christian education does not make the mistake of educating only the mind of the individual; its goal is the development of the full personality.

Why I Chose A Baptist School

My decision to choose a Christian school was based upon convictions as to the purpose and place of Christian education in the development of one's personality. Our churches and our Christian schools are partners in a common cause, so, in supporting a Christian school, one is directly supporting the cause of Christ. Naturally, being a Baptist, I chose a Baptist school. In a Baptist school, one is educated into a proper vision, faith and ambition for his life; the vision that all life is sacred, a faith which gives him a sense of spiritual security, and an ambition for a life of service to God and his fellowman.

In choosing a Baptist school, I knew that I would receive my education in a Christian atmosphere; that I would be guided by Christian instructors, and that the Bible would have a prominent place in the curriculum of the school; that my personality would be developed in the Christian fellowship prevailing among the students; and that I would be trained in Christian service

The Baptist Record is in receipt of an announcement of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Victor I. Masters. The date of the anniversary is July 18. Our readers will remember Dr. Masters as former editor of the Western Recorder.

The Baptist at Bruce are planning for a revival meeting beginning July 18. Carman Sharp of Corinth will do the preaching. L. F. Haire is the pastor.

through the campus activities of the Baptist Student Union. Thus, my reason for choosing a Baptist school was obviously that my education, my character and my personality might be developed to the fullest in the power of Christ, and that the spiritual influence generated by such an environment might send me out into the world with a keen consciousness of the constant presence of God, and with the spiritual determination to more worthily represent my Master in all the succeeding relationships of life.—Brotherhood Quarterly.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

1. John Wesley, in 1729, founder of the Methodist church, wrote his rule of life. Can you quote it?
 2. Why was "the least of all seeds" (in Matthew 13:31-32) referred to as a place for "the birds of the air to lodge in the branches thereof"?
 3. Three outstanding Bible characters were denounced for their use of valuable ivory. Who were they?
 4. Thorns are mentioned in the parable of the sower in Mark 4:7. Of no value, the thorns were put to several needful uses. What was the usage?
- (Correct answers on Page 15.)

Center Ridge Church, Newton County, has accepted their New Club quota. Raymond Herrington is pastor.

Blue Mountain College Annuity Bonds pay from 2 1/2% to 7% interest.

Some Day It Will Be Too Late Write Your Will Today

Our advice to every person who owns property is to immediately consult a good lawyer and write his will. The will may be changed from time to time when circumstances require. Every person should write a will because:

1. If you own property your estate must be administered in the court. Why not select your own executor rather than have the court select an administrator for your estate?
2. Through a properly prepared will much of the expense incident to administration of the estate may be saved.
3. There are possibilities of effecting savings in estate taxes.
4. Where minors are involved, property cannot be transferred except through expensive court proceedings.
5. If a person dies without a will oftentimes it is necessary to liquidate his business.
6. If you have dependents, other than your legal heirs, you cannot provide for them except through a will.
7. It is only through a will that you can make a gift at death to your favorite religious institution or cause.
8. Your will should express the will of God. A gift to an institution serving in His cause is a permanent memorial on the public records of your interest in Kingdom work.
9. By a gift to a religious institution you project your life for good through all future years.

We suggest for your consideration that you include in your will a gift to one or more of the following: Blue Mountain College, Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Baptist Bible Institute, Relief and Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Hospital, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Baptist Sunday School Board.

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Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects
Service

New Plans For Old Ones (394th Inf. Chapel Bulletin)

One day a few weeks ago I stopped in a second hand store in a town not far away. The stock was scattered all over the dilapidated building, shelves, floor, walls, everything covered with almost every known item of home and business. There was no attempt to have order of any kind in the shop. I saw bird cages, cradles that had carried ropes of no telling what home, bric-a-brac of every imaginable kind, relics of several wars, period furniture, or should I say furniture—period, farm tools, cast offs of business offices, and enough old iron to build the biggest tank we make in this country. Some of the stock had evidently been on hand for a generation, how anyone could find what they wanted in such a disorganized display was beyond me. I couldn't help but think how like many of our minds and lives of today was that second hand store. Too many of us go through life disordered, misfits in work, misfits in homes and in society at large.

I know why so many of us are like that disorganized second hand store: we let the old refuse pile up until there is no room for new ideas in our hearts and minds. Every once in a while we ought to clean out the attic and give a new idea a chance to blossom and grow. None of us ever climbs any higher or grows any better than our thoughts and our decisions. William Lyons Phelps once said, "If a cat wants to leave a room he makes no fuss about it, he takes a position near the door. You may change his position but not his purpose; he means to leave the room; he knows sooner or later someone will open the door and out he goes." New opportunities do come to those who wait and are ready to be off when the big chance comes. Don't clutter up your mind with unimportant things that will get in your way so much you can't see an opportunity when it comes. Be ready to jump on it, to make the start, keep trying and never give up.—Chaplain N. E. Ferguson, Camp Van Dorn, 394th Inf.

—BR—

Pearson Parnell will assist Pastor D. W. Moulder in a revival meeting at Lorena, in Smith county beginning the fourth Sunday in July.

You Women Who Suffer From HOT FLASHES then CHILLY FEELINGS

If you—like so many women between the ages of 38 and 52—suffer from hot flashes, weak, dizzy, nervous feelings, distress of "irregularities", are blue at times—due to the functional middle age period in a woman's life—try taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once. It's made especially for women.

Pinkham's Compound is famous to relieve such distress. Taken regularly—it helps build up resistance against such symptoms. It also is a fine stomachic tonic. Thousands upon thousands of women benefited. Follow label directions. Worth trying!

PROHIBITION DOES PROHIBIT W. Fred Kendall, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Since Hardin county voted legal liquor out it is now the happy privilege of the writer to pass on to the public this brief survey after the passing of almost six months since the closing of the liquor stores.

Drunkenness Almost Gone

Public drunkenness has all but disappeared. One used to see as many as six or eight drunks at one time. They had to be taken from yards and front porches all over town. Many Saturday nights and nights before holidays there were as many as fifty or sixty drunk soldiers in town. Since last November 23rd this writer has seen two drunks in public and he has not seen a single drunk soldier on the streets of Elizabethtown.

Drinking in public has also disappeared. It was not unusual a year ago to see men stand on the sidewalk anywhere in town and take out a bottle and drink from it as they would drink water. The janitor at the courthouse showed this writer enough empty bottles to fill a large truck taken from the public rest rooms in the courthouse in just a few days' time. Since last November 23rd there has been about a wheelbarrow full taken from the same rooms.

Drinking in cafes and hotel dining rooms was as common as drinking coffee. This is now entirely gone. Hotel proprietors have stated that the improvement of conditions here is almost beyond belief—few empty bottles are found in rooms and disturbances from drinking are entirely gone.

Crime Greatly Decreased

What about the criminal conditions? Arrests for all causes arising from drinking have been so reduced as to be almost eliminated. City court records show a tremendous decrease in fines and arrests. The jail population is only a fraction of that last year. During August last year there were fifty-nine placed in jail one day.

Several of the largest roadhouses have closed. One former liquor store is now a headquarters for military police. Three others are now comfortable residences for families of soldiers. Two roadhouses have burned down. All roadhouses now in operation are small and reach very few people.

The law has been wonderfully enforced by a splendid group of enforcement officers and highway patrolmen. There has been some bootlegging but only a fraction of what was anticipated.

Mayor Frank Joplin just gave me this information: In the city courts of Elizabethtown last April the fines amounted to more than \$1,200 but this year they were only \$65 and the last two weeks in April there were no arrests in the city of Elizabethtown. Last August there were 59 arrested one day.

Another very important matter is the fact that the military police office which had to be maintained here is now found no longer necessary and they are moving it away.

Wet Propaganda Branded

Here are some other startling things. Wet advertising makes an interesting study after six months. Notice some of their claims during the election. They claimed that taxes would be greatly increased if Hardin county voted out the legal sale of liquor. Special letters were sent to

the citizens of Elizabethtown warning them that their assessments would be higher and that taxes would be terrific in the city. But what happened? According to the Elizabethtown News, Elizabethtown is one of the few cities in the United States where taxes have actually been reduced for 1943. They said people would trade elsewhere, people would move away, soldiers would not come to Elizabethtown. But God has blessed Hardin county beyond all imagination. It is one of the few counties in Kentucky now free of debt.

We were told that many who worked at Fort Knox would probably lose their jobs if the county went dry, work there would have to stop if taxes were lost. This was too absurd to consider but let it be said that many who formerly stayed too drunk to work now have jobs. No one has lost his job and there is no evidence that any work has had to shut down due to the loss of taxes.

What Army Men Say

This writer has interviewed officers and chaplains who have come from other areas and they all have agreed unanimously that conditions here are really wonderful compared with other areas where liquor flows freely—the OWI report notwithstanding. An army officer stationed here in 1940, but later transferred to another post, recently returned to Elizabethtown to live. He told this writer he could hardly believe this was the same town.

Yes, prohibition does prohibit. It has brought untold blessings to our county. Liquor is gone from sight in the drug store windows, and the neon signs have gone. It would be impossible to tell of the far-reaching results that have been obtained already. God has already rewarded us richly in every way. It will bring untold blessings to any county that will vote liquor out and enforce the laws when it is gone. If this report has sounded too optimistic we would invite anyone to interview the sheriff, the hotel proprietors, the jailer, or any other reliable citizen of this county. Our dry organization is still intact and will keep functioning educating the youth of our schools, aiding in enforcing the law, seeing that dry and honest officers are elected to fill our county offices.—Western Recorder.

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TEN BEST BOOKS

1. Job. Author: God knows.
2. On Being a Real Person—Harry Emerson Fosdick.
3. Pastoral Psychology—Karl R. Stolz.
4. The Story of Religion—Charles Francis Potter.
5. A Preface to Morals—Walter Lippmann.
6. The Importance of Living—Lin YuTang.
7. Of Human Bondage—W. Somerset Maugham.
8. King's Row—Henry Bellamann.
9. The Strange Woman—Ben Ames Williams.
10. Van Loon's Lives—Hendrik Willem Van Loon.

EARL COOPER, Georgetown.

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DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR July

Evangelism—Summer Meetings.
Cooperative Program Support.
Now Club Emphasis.
Baptist Bible Institute.
W. M. U. Camps.
Vacation Bible Schools.
Camps for Young People.
Check on Gifts and the W. M. U. Standard of Excellence.
Invite Former, Present and Prospective Training School Students to be Special Guests of W. M. U. Ridgecrest—July 21-August 3; Special Summer work.
Sunday School Work at Ridgecrest.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
Baptist Bible Institute.

August

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
W. M. U. Young People's Organizations.
Assemblies and Camps.
Soul Winning—Brush Arbor, School House and Church.
Cooperative Program Causes.
Now Club Emphasis.
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
Sunbeam Focus Week, August 8-13.
Check on Denominational Periodicals.
Check Standard of Excellence.
Special Summer Work.
Vacation Bible School.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Chinese government has set aside July 7 as a day of special prayer for China and the United Nations, according to a radio broadcast from Chungking recorded here by the Federal Communications Commission. All religious organizations in Free China have been invited to observe the day, which also commemorates the sixth anniversary of China's war of resistance.

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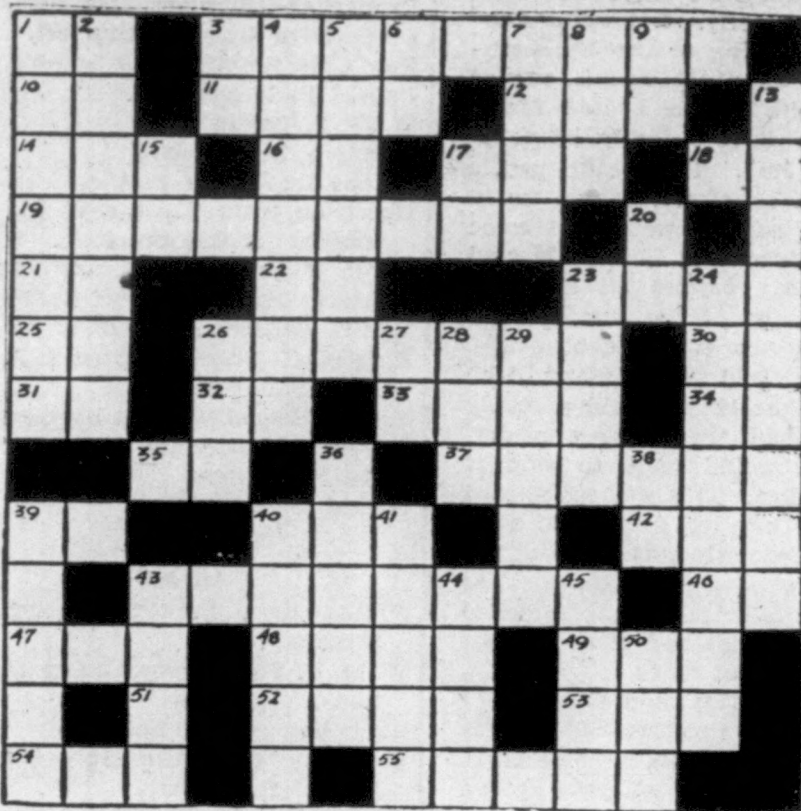
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FALSE TEETH

THAT LOOSEN
NEED NOT EMBARRASS

Many wearers of false teeth have suffered real embarrassment because their plate dropped, slipped or wobbled at just the wrong time. Do you live in fear of this happening to you. Just sprinkle a little FASTEETH, the alkaline (non-acid) powder, on your plates. Holds false teeth more firmly, so they feel more comfortable. Does not sour. Checks "plate odor" (denture breath). Get FASTEETH at any drug store.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" —Rom. 8:24.

ACROSS

- 1 Bachelor of arts.
- 3 "... as we hope in thee," Ps. 33:22.
- 10 Solicitor at law.
- 11 "... art my trust from my youth," Ps. 71:5.
- 12 "Why... thou cast down O my soul," Ps. 43:5.
- 14 "... sins, which are many, are forgiven," Luke 7:47.
- 16 "I... the Good Shepherd," John 10:14.
- 17 "come down... my child die," John 4:49.
- 18 Greek letter.
- 19 "to the full... of hope," Heb. 6:11.
- 21 Manuscript.
- 22 "... is good that a man should both hope and," Lam. 3:26.
- 23 Whims.
- 25 Eye (Scot.).
- 26 "In hope of... life," Tit. 1:2.
- 30 And.
- 31 Doctor of divinity.
- 32 "... hope is in thee," Ps. 39:7.
- 33 "I will... continually," Ps. 71:14.
- 34 Fourth note in scale.
- 35 "whose hope the Lord..." Jer. 17:7.
- 37 Become red.
- 39 "and... shall strengthen your heart," Ps. 31:24.
- 40 Cal's call.
- 42 Part of circle.
- 43 "The hope of the righteous shall be..." Prov. 10:28.
- 46 Second note in scale.
- 47 Golf teacher.
- 48 "not... unto men, but unto God," Acts 5:4.
- 49 "believing all things which... written in the law," Acts 24:14.
- 51 "in thee, ... Lord, do I hope," Ps. 38:15.
- 52 "whose hope is in the... his God," Ps. 146:5.
- 53 "hope in..." Ps. 43:5.
- 54 A Jew (slang).
- 55 "We are... by hope," Rom. 8:24.

HOPE

Our text is 11, 12, 32, 33, 51, 52 and 53 combined.

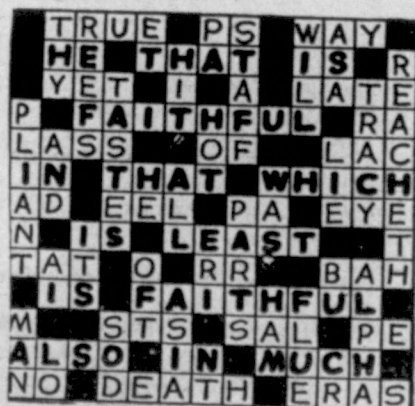
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- 1 "And hope maketh not..." Rom. 5:5.
- 2 "Looking for that... hope," Tit. 2:13.
- 3 Swear not... all," Matt. 5:34.
- 4 "now abideth faith, hope,..." I Cor. 13:13.
- 5 Presenting a bushy appearance.
- 6 Almost out.
- 7 "for a good man some would even... to die," Rom. 5:7.
- 8 Wrath.
- 9 New Testament.
- 13 "faith is the... of things hoped for," Heb. 11:1.
- 15 Recording secretary.
- 17 Established church.
- 20 Egyptian sun god.
- 23 "At thy rebuke they..." Ps. 104:7.
- 24 "Hope... maketh the heart sick," Prov. 13:12.
- 26 Printers' measure.
- 27 Royal highness.
- 28 "where neither moth... rust doth corrupt," Matt. 6:20.
- 29 Mimickers.
- 36 Instrument for hearing messages.
- 38 District attorney.
- 39 "... is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help," Ps. 146:5.
- 40 "toss thee like a..." Isa. 22:18 (pl).
- 41 Belonging to Aner (or Amorite ally of Abram—possessive case).
- 43 "none is... save one," Luke 18:19.
- 44 Book of Scandinavian mythology.
- 45 Wise.
- 50 "thy... and thy staff," Ps. 23:4.

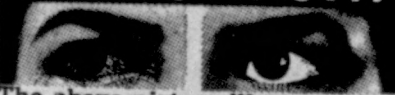
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From an exchange we recently carried the information that L. Gordon Sansing, Pastor of Pelahatchie and Springfield had accepted the call of First Church in Franklinton, La. We are now informed that the call was made but that Pastor Sansing feels led to continue his work at Pelahatchie and Springfield. He is doing a good work in both places and we are glad that he is staying in Mississippi.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



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CIGARETTES AND A COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

At Blue Mountain College, the oldest senior college for women in Mississippi, smoking is taboo, made so by the students themselves. Student government and the honor system prevail at the College, and so effective is it that only one matter of discipline for any cause has come before the faculty in five years.

"Do you regard smoking among women as immoral?" a representative of the College was asked.

"Not immoral, but certainly an error in judgment," was the reply, "especially among growing girls. Among nonsmoking girls you do not generally find husky voices, inflamed eyes, jittery nerves, yellow and ashen skin, or the odor of cigarette smoke in clothes and hair."

The representative further went on to say, "Blue Mountain College aims to turn out a cultured, lovable, desirable, and alluring type of woman, and it is difficult to do this if odors of tobacco emanate from her dresses and tresses."

Asked how the cigarette smoking problem is handled at Blue Mountain College, the representative replied that no such problem exists. "It is not the province of the College to convert girls from smoking. The College does not say to a girl, 'You cannot smoke.' It does insist, however, that girls who must smoke enroll in institutions that permit it. Consequently, girls who must smoke at college go to other institutions, and thus the problem is avoided at Blue Mountain."

Nevertheless, Blue Mountain College annually has applications for admission from more students than it can accommodate. It enrolls young women from the Hudson River to the Rio Grande, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, and from a great majority of Mississippi's counties. Blue Mountain's policy has not hurt enrollment.

Blue Mountain's policy indicates that nonsmoking girls still are in demand as wives. In a survey conducted by the Division of Surveys and Field Studies of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, under the direction of Dr. Doak S. Campbell, entitled "Problems in the Education of College Women," the percentage of women graduates of Southern colleges who marry was sought. According to the survey in the graduating classes studied, 54 per cent of the women graduates of coeducational institutions were married, and 55.4 per cent of the graduates of private and denominational women's colleges were married. In breaking down the analysis to individual colleges, Dr. Campbell reported that in the classes considered the percentage of married graduates of Blue Mountain College was seventy-three. President Lawrence T. Lowrey, of Blue Mountain, later made a survey of his own which developed that in the first fifty graduating classes more than 80 per cent of the girls were married.

The divorce record of Blue Mountain College graduates, too, is an interesting one. According to federal census figures, the divorce rate in the United States is approximately 16 per cent, whereas the divorce rate among Blue Mountain College graduates is less than 2 per cent.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage
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Correction—Rev. Lem Sales did not resign at Eddiceton, Miss., as stated in the June 17 issue.

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Among the recent EVERY FAMILY lists received was that of Springdale, Attala county. This was sent in by Mrs. R. L. Bailey and contained both new and renewal subscriptions.

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Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for July 18, 1943
GOD ENCOURAGES MOSES
Exodus 3:13 to 4:31

Hearing the call at the burning bush, yet hesitant, Moses was given the authority of the divine name, the power to work miracles (as attested by the rod and the leprosy), and the promise of an eloquent assistant in Aaron his brother. Barely he escaped the divine anger before he finally accepted the divine commission to deliver Israel. Returning from Midian to Egypt, Moses first convinced the Hebrews that God had sent him as their deliverer. Then he turned to Pharaoh for permission to leave the country.

Lesson Text and Outline
Exodus 3:13-16; 4:10-17

- I. Program With Authority
- II. Promise of Assistance
- III. Power for Achievement

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. **APPEAL TO GOD** brought Moses the requisite authority. Note three things here: (1) **God reveals himself.** He is the Lord Jehovah, the I AM, self-existent, unchangeable, and eternal. He is the God of Moses, appearing to him, speaking to him, sending him, directing him. He is the God of Israel, choosing them as his people, visiting them in their distress, planning for their deliverance. He is the God of their fathers, sustaining them by his unfailing providence and saving them by his mercy. He is the God of all mankind, being faithful in all generations—yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever. (2) **God appoints his messenger.** He does not forget his people. He selects and sends his messenger, telling him just what to say and directing him where to go. (3) **God defines his work.** His workers like Moses, are to keep in touch with him by prayer, to reveal him to men in his true character, to interpret his will, to convey his message to the world, and to lead his people from bondage into the light and liberty of the gospel.

2. **ASSOCIATION WITH AARON** assured Moses of the help he needed. Though backed by the authority of God and assured of his ability to plead before Pharaoh the cause of Israel, Moses was reluctant almost to the point of rebellion against the will of Jehovah. He first alleged his ignorance of how to proceed: "What shall I say?" He was told the message he should bear to Israel. Then he declared: "They will not believe" (4:1). But he was promised ability to work wonders and to convince even the most sluggish. And now he turned upon his lack of oratorical ability, though later he was declared to be mighty in words and deeds: "I am slow of speech." In response the Lord promised assistance. Finally, he shrank so utterly from the task that he pleaded that someone else be selected for the work. But Jehovah reiterated the command, authorized the more fluent Aaron to act as assistant, and at last induced Moses to take up the chief duty of his life. He, therefore, took his departure for Midian, met Aaron his brother, and

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: Dr. R. A. Tullos has resigned as pastor of Pine Bluff Baptist Church, Dentville, Mississippi,

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That we express our gratitude to Dr. Tullos for the years of service to our church. From the first he impressed all with his sincere faith, his love of God and the church, and his devotion to the Cause.

As a preacher of the gospel, and as a pastor, he served sincerely, faithfully, and devotedly, always putting spiritual things first.

We likewise recognize the value of the family, Mrs. Tullos, and the children, Richard Lee and Bettie Louise.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the church reluctantly accepts his resignation, and wishes for him the fullest measure of success, happiness, and usefulness.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the resolutions be spread on the minutes of the church, a copy sent to the Baptist Record, and a copy sent to the Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, Mississippi.

Pine Bluff Baptist Church, L. H. Cagle, Chairman.

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Dr. H. L. Winburn said once at the Arkansas Convention: "There are only 2 eyewitnesses on record as to the existence of Julius Caesar. There are 23 for Napoleon, 37 for George Washington, and more than 500 for Jesus Christ. Jesus is the best authenticated historical character of his age, and his resurrection the surest fact we have from history." — Watchman Examiner.

undertook the rescue of Israel from Egyptian bondage.

3. **AWARD OF POWER** for service was promised Moses. In his hand, at the moment, was a rod, probably the shepherd's staff he had been using for years, or possibly a stout stick fresh cut from a desert shrub. As God had just used that rod to convince Moses of his duty, so Moses must use it to deliver Israel. "Thou shalt take this rod in thine hand"—carrying it constantly, holding it in hand, ready at any moment of emergency. With it he was to "do signs" in Egypt that would startle Pharaoh, stultify the magicians, and save Israel from bondage. Then, assured and believing, Moses left Midian for Egypt; and of course he "took the rod of God in his hand" (4:20).

The Lesson of the Lesson "The Lord Will Give Strength"

- (1) Strength in His Name.
- (2) Strength in His Authority.
- (3) Strength in His Word.
- (4) Strength in His Providence.
- (5) Strength in His Pity.
- (6) Strength in His Presence.
- (7) Strength in His Power.

Gold in the Golden Text

Certainly I will be with thee. Exodus 3:12.

Precious beyond calculation is the promise of the presence of God. He will be with us at our tasks so that we may perform them diligently and effectually. He will be with us in our difficulties so that we may solve them correctly and completely. He will be with us in our afflictions so that the fires shall not scorch us and the waters shall not overwhelm us. He will be with us on the sunlit peaks of prosperity so that we may combine spirituality with success, and be holy while we are happy.



MISS EDITH LONG

LONG - BOYD

The many friends of Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Jr., will be interested in his approaching marriage to Miss Edith Alden Long of Girard, Illinois. The wedding will take place August 15.

Miss Long is a graduate of a Blackburn College and the University of Illinois, where she received the M. A. degree in 1939. For three years she taught French in the Tennessee College for Women in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. During the past year, she was a student at the Baptist Bible Institute. She is now serving as a missionary for the Home Mission Board in Southern Louisiana.

Rev. Boyd is a B. A. graduate of Mississippi College in 1940 and for the past three years has been a student at the Baptist Bible Institute. At present he is pastor of the Baptist church in Pearl River, Louisiana. While a student at B.B.I. he was instructor in the Negro Theological Seminary.

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The Baptist Record is grateful for a copy of the booklet commemorating the dedication of Druid Hills church, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Louie D. Newton is the pastor. The booklet gives the history of the church and many interesting photographs of various groups of workers. This church has grown to be one of the leading churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. When Dr. F. C. McConnel began his pastorate January 1, 1915, the value of the church property was approximately \$5,000.00. The present value of the property is conservatively set at \$418,363. Total gifts for the first year were slightly more than \$6,000.00. For 1942 they were \$101,636.83. Total amounts contributed to the building fund including land, buildings, equipment, maintenance, and interest was \$557,086.63. The present membership is 3,298. During Dr. Newton's pastorate, which began on April 1, 1929, a total of \$1,094,719.30 has been contributed to the church.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Wesley's rule of life): "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

2. (Least of all seed): The mustard seed (plant) really grew into a ten or twelve foot high tree, thus enabling "the birds of the air" to lodge in its branches.

3. (Use of valuable ivory): Ahab, for the famous ivory house he had built. (I Kings 22:39). Rulers and rich persons "that lie upon beds of ivory" (Amos 6:4). Solomon compares woman's neck to a "tower of ivory." (Song of Solomon 7:4.)

4. (How thorns were used): When the ground was fairly free from thorns, the sower scattered the seed upon it, and then plowed it under with a light oriental plow. When a field had been out of cultivation for a season, strong yellow and blue thorn bearing thistles sprang up. These worthless thorn and thistle weeds were then cut down, and were made into brooms, the remaining stocks supplying fuel for the village ovens.

Our fathers existed without sugar until the 13th century; coal fires were unknown until the 14th century; buttered bread came in the 15th century; potatoes and tobacco in the 16th; coffee, tea, and soap in the 17th; pudding in the 18th; gas and electricity in the 19th; canned food in the 19th and 20th. If our sturdy forefathers survived such restrictions, we should be able to live through our present rationing period without grumbling."—N. C. Christian Advocate.

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FUTURE BAPTIST DEBT MAKING

In The Baptist Record of June 24th Bro. J. H. Street, under the above caption, says some things and suggests others, that are so timely, pertinent, practical and so much in harmony with the sovereignty of Baptist churches and the word of God that they deserve the careful and prayerful consideration of Mississippi Baptists, and especially that group who compose our Convention.

In article 3 of the constitution of our Convention we declare: "The equal rights and independence of the churches are fully recognized and shall be scrupulously observed. The Convention shall not possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or association and is irrevocably committed to the cardinal principle that every church is sovereign."

The Convention seeks the cooperation of the churches by telling them (the churches) that they (a) are sovereign; (b) that it (the convention) will scrupulously observe their independence; (c) and that the convention "shall not possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or association" and then wilfully, deliberately (I wish I could say ignorantly) borrows hundreds of thousands of dollars and says to the churches and associations, "This is your debt." If this is not exercising power and authority over churches and associations, pray tell me what is it?

My own association is composed of twenty churches. Only about four of these are represented in the Convention and yet all twenty of these are assigned a "quota" when the Convention makes a debt. If this is not taxation without representation what is it? Oh! I know it is not called a tax. It is called an "apportionment" or "quota" but changing the name of the smell of a skunk or a rose does not change the odor.

Be it said to the credit of our churches that they have not risen up in arms and openly protested the treatment they have received from the Convention. They are paying these debts which the Convention made and passed on to them.

By so doing they are preserving the reputation, and credit of Mississippi Baptists and the cause they represent. Too much praise can not be heaped upon our churches for the liberal and sacrificial offerings they have made, and are still making to retire the debts made without scriptural authority by the Convention. I am truly glad the Batesville church has done her full share in paying these enormous debts made without authority by the Convention and declared without authority to be the debts of the churches. Bro. McCall, our beloved leader and efficient secretary, has already received every penny the Now Club asked us to give. I opposed the making of these debts after these debts passed the hundred thousand mark but I have never opposed paying them. In our sacrifices to pay these debts the Batesville church and her pastor will measure arms with any pastor and church in Mississippi whose quota was over one thousand dollars. When other pastors and churches have done what Batesville and her pastor have done Mississippi Baptists can hold a great praise and thanksgiving service.

Would to God we could hold that service before the autumn leaves fall. Bro. McCall is calling upon us to pay these debts by November. My dear brother pastors: Why not hear and heed the plea of our beloved secretary? If you have the confidence of your churches (and surely you have) they will follow your leadership.

As long as these debts hang over us the cause of Christ, as fostered by Mississippi Baptists, suffers. I once thought these debts would never be paid, but an unforeseen era of prosperity has come our way which has enabled Mississippi Baptists to give far more to retire debts than I thought they ever would. I now believe these debts will be paid and I hope and pray that this will happen on or before our next annual Thanksgiving day.

BUT WHAT WILL THEN HAPPEN?

With Bro. Street I am interested in what the attitude of Mississippi Baptists is going to be toward future debt making.

I fear I am not dreaming when I see some brother who has sweated no blood, lost no sleep and did not impoverish his bank account because of the debts now being paid and hear him say: "Bro. President: Mississippi Baptists are a great people. This great and far-seeing Convention laid out for them a great program; we gave them a great task, which at times seemed to be a burden greater than they could bear, but in the fear of God and love of Christ they carried out the program; they bore the burden; they accomplished the task. They are looking to us, and demanding of us a financial program that will challenge the best that is in them. We must not disappoint them. We must lengthen the cords. I therefore move you, sir, that this great Convention authorize a million dollar bond issue to be divided as follows," etc., etc. I am sure I am not dreaming when I see and hear something like this in the first Convention after our debts are paid. It is being freely predicted that it will happen. Bro. Street has anticipated just what I and hundreds of others have visioned. When it happens he has suggested a course of procedure, viz.: "Let the proposal to borrow money be referred to the individual churches.

"It is the local churches who will be expected to pay the debts when made; hence they should be consulted before the debt is made.

"The churches should decide in advance whether they will assume the burden of a denominational debt, and if they vote not to do so they should not be expected to participate in the payment of the debts that are made." To this and all the rest of Bro. Street's article I say: AMEN. When he puts it in the form of a motion, resolution or constitutional amendment, it will certainly be seconded if I am present.

The man who wants to assign any kind of task to the churches without consulting them seems to me to want to "lord it over God's heritage."

If the next Convention should commit itself to Bro. Street's proposal to refer all future borrowing to the churches it would allay lots of fears and thereby make it easier to finish paying our debts. If Bro. Street should attempt to commit the Convention to his proposal I am wondering who would dare oppose it. The Convention is made up very largely of pas-

PROTESTANT CLERGY PROTEST VICTORY MASS

San Antonio, Texas (RNS)—Declared by its sponsors to have been the largest religious service ever held on a military reservation, a victory mass at the Kelly Field golf course Sunday, May 2, was protested by a Protestant group, which called the program an "effrontery to religious freedom."

Main complaint voiced by the ministers in letters to army, civil, and Roman Catholic officials was that the mass assertedly had been heralded as nonsectarian. The letters also objected to men marching in uniform under any order, "by chaplain or general," to a religious service "not of their own faith and suasion."

Moreover, it was emphasized that no soldiers except band members had been ordered to the golf course, although provision was made for others "desiring to attend" to be formed by organization and marched to the scene.

Rev. Floyd Allen Bash, head of the San Antonio Ministers' Association, commented that the group had no controversy with military authorities but objected to others allowing the impression to prevail that the mass was a co-operative, all-denomination service.

"We deplore the fact," said the lengthy letter of complaint, "that Kelly Field, which has been so long closed to the public, is now to be thrown open at the very hour when all Protestant churches are known to be in their services of public worship."

"This plan reveals no evidence of proper regard for the religious faith of either the men in military service or of the general public, since the total leadership of the religious program has been placed in the hands of the Roman Catholic hierarchy who represent only a minority group in America."

"We protest the marching, under orders, of our men in uniform to a religious service not of their faith and suasion, whether that order be issued by chaplain or general. Since we are fighting for religious freedom, we demand this freedom be ours now in the armed forces in our nation."

"This announced program places political pressure upon the men who are office holders of the city, county, and nation, to attend the Catholic services or to be considered unpatriotic or unfriendly to a large group of their clientele."

"We present and voice this protest, believing that the carrying out of this service will cause a breach between the people of different religious faiths."

The communication was signed by Revs. C. S. Cadwallader, pastor, Riverside Park Baptist Church, chairman; Floyd Allen Bash, minister, Central Christian church and president of the Ministers' Association; A. L. Wolff, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, and Richard J. Spann, pastor, Laurel Heights Methodist church.

tors. What pastor is willing to face his church and tell them he cast his vote against giving them an opportunity to vote on making a debt they were expected to pay? . . .

Much good and no harm will come to the cause of Christ if all Baptist Conventions should commit themselves to Bro. Street's proposal on future debt making.

ALL CLERGY EXEMPTED FROM TAX WITHHOLDING PROVISIONS But The Tax Must Be Paid

New York (RNS)—All ordained ministers, regardless of the type of work in which they are engaged, are excepted from the withholding provisions of the current tax payment act of 1943, according to a statement from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., received here by Dr. Benson Y. Landis of the Federal Council of Churches.

The statement clarifies an uncertainty as to whether the exception applies solely to clergymen in local pulpits, or includes those engaged in full-time church administration work, such as council secretaries and federation officials.

No minister is exempt from the payment of taxes, however, Dr. Landis told Religious News Service. His exemption covers only the advance withholding provision of the law.

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FROM THE 23rd PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not need
If only His blessed commandment I'll heed.
In His green pastures He maketh my bed,
By the still waters my spirit is led.
The path of righteousness He causeth me to take,
He restoreth my soul for His name sake.
Through the valley and shadow of death I may go,
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me so.
In the presence of mine enemies He prepareth a feast
Which proves that He careth also for the least.
Thou anointest my head with the oil of Thy love,
My cup runneth over for it is filled from above.
Surely goodness and mercy shall all of my days
Follow me if only I am in His ways.
In the house of the Lord I shall always dwell
With joy and gladness that no tongue can tell.

MABLE NIX.

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Stockholm (By Wireless RNS)—The Nazi authorities in Norway have taken over several additional churches for military purposes, reports here reveal. Among the requisitioned churches is the Soer-Reissa church in Northern Norway, which is being used to store munitions, and the church in Narvik, which has been converted into a wine and alcohol store.

Mexico City (RNS)—Assurance that the Soviet government intends to maintain the separation of church and state in Russia was given by the newly-appointed Russian ambassador to Mexico, Constantine A. Oumansky, at a press conference here. One thing that can be said with certainty, the ambassador declared, "is that the clergy of all faiths in Russia has shown a highly patriotic attitude and that the government proposes to maintain the separation of state and church under conditions of tolerance and unreserved religious liberty."

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